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THE SOUTHEAST corner of El Cerrito Plaza (top) would change dramatically if a proposed condominium and parking garage development (above) is built.

Revised garage plan still fails to please

■ Critics say the parking/condo proposal is out of scale for the area

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El CERRITO — A downsized version of a BART parking garage and condominium development at El Cerrito Plaza still fails to meet city standards for height, density, open space and the number of required parking spaces, according to a city staff report

The developer submitted new applications for the project in early January. The new proposal reduced the size of the five-and-a-half-story parking garage to 400 spaces, reduced the condominium development to 84 units over 84 parking spaces and eliminated a childcare center. The two structures will sit on the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza.

The failure of the development to meet several requirements has prompted the developer to ask for exceptions to the city's zoning code.

The housing development, reaching up to 60 feet high, and the parking garage, reaching up to 58 feet high, both exceed the city's 35-foot height limit in that area, according to a city report.

The housing development has 84 parking spaces, 52 fewer than required. The project is proposing four spaces for the disabled, one less than required.

The developer is failing to provide 50 square feet of private open space required for each of the 16 units on the bottom floor of the four-story structure. At 45 units per acre, the housing development also exceeds the city's density standards by 11 units.

The project will restore a 60-foot-wide by 180-foot-long portion of Cerrito Creek to its natural condition and provide a pedestrian and bike path along the bank of the creek that would

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Measure C funding may be redirected

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A county agency in charge of allocating nearly $6.7 million for a BART parking garage at El Cerrito Plaza should spend the money on three other BART parking projects in West County instead, according to a recommendation made Thursday by a committee comprised of local civic leaders.

A subcommittee of the West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) recommended that $6.7 million in Measure

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Many feel insecure about privatization

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito resident Joanna Kim-Selby said she worries about the president's proposal to overhaul Social Security — not for herself, but for the younger generation.

"What we are worried about is the future generation," said Kim-Selby, a member of the state's committee on aging.

While not everyone agrees, Kim-Selby is one of a number of residents giving a chilly reception to President George W. Bush's proposals.

Congressional Democrats are also opposed to the proposals as well as the president's declaration that Social Security is in crisis and needs to be fixed.

Rep. George Miller D-Martinez will hold three "town hall" meetings on the subject tomorrow in Benicia, Hercules and Richmond.

"He believes very strongly that President Bush's proposal amounts to a risky privatization scheme that would lead to increased federal debt and benefit cuts for retirees," said Miller's spokesman, Tom Kiley. "It's more about giveaways for Wall Street than trying to shore up the long-term challenges that the program faces."

Not so, said Danny Diaz, the spokesman for the Republican National Committee. The president, he said, has taken a leadership role in the issue in an effort to mold the country into an "ownership society" he envisions. "I think the American people recognize that there's a problem," said Diaz, citing a number of recent polls showing a large number of Americans agreeing with the president. "And our elected leaders need to take the lead and provide answers rather than criticisms."

Many residents, however, said they do not believe the president.

"He's trying to sell the program, so he's trying to make people afraid," said 84-year-old El Cerrito resident George Amberg. "And that's bad business. I don't like that."

Still, Amberg said partial privatization is on the right track.

El Cerrito resident Rich Bartke said he also liked the idea of partial privatization, calling it

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

CHARLES PAGTER pauses at Royal Ground Coffee in Albany to offer his thoughts about the privatization of Social Security. He is among those concerned about the proposal being made by the Bush administration.

MEETINGS

WHAT: Town hall meetings on Social Security held by Rep. George Miller

WHEN: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: Benicia City Hall, 250 East L St., from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Hercules City Hall, 111 Civic Dr., from 11 a.m. to noon; Grace Lutheran Church, 2369 Barrett Dr., in Richmond, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Call 925-602-1880

Less is spent on education of minorities

■ Study on state salaries puts variance in funding at up to $172,000 per child

By Jackie Burrell
STAFF WRITER

It's no secret that some of the state's poorest minority students have the most inexperienced teachers, but a new study puts a startling dollar figure on the difference.

The state spends up to $172,000 less educating an impoverished black child than a rich white kid across town, even when they attend schools in the same district, according to Education Trust West, the Oakland-based education policy group that launched the study. Teachers with more education and experience are paid more and, according to the report, tend to gravitate to California's whitest, richest schools. "Low-income students and students of color are shortchanged," said Ed Trust director Russlynn Ali.

This is hardly new terrain, but until now no one had looked at the difference in teacher pay, and districtwide averages masked gaps.

"It's as if we had two pots of water, one ice cold and the other boiling hot, and concluded that the average water temperature is warm," Ali said.

The Ed Trust study looks in every pot, and raises numerous questions in the process.

Teachers in West Contra Costa's most affluent areas earn about $4,600 more per year than their counterparts in the district's

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ECHS cheerleader broke racial barrier in 1957

On June 13, the wrecking ball will swing high above the third floor of El Cerrito High School as the old building is torn down, to make way for a new one. It's the end of an era but not the end of the story for El Cerrito High. Today's students and parents are collecting artifacts and interviews in an effort to preserve the high school's 60-plus years of history. The Journal also wants to honor that history, and through the rest of the school year will present the stories of many of those who left their mark on El Cerrito High, written by ECHS student David Ball, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper.



ECHS: A LOOK BACK
David Ball

Racism and segregation were pervasive in the United States in 1957. Restaurants remained for blacks only or whites only. Movie theaters separated the world of entertainment. Baseball had only been integrated for a decade. In a time of post-World War II boom, the country remained divided by color.

Discussions of the civil rights movement in the U.S. have focused extensively on the importance of breaking the color barrier in sports. Little attention has been paid to the breaking of the color barrier among the girls who cheered the teams on. An important player in ECHS's move toward racial equality was Martha Holmes Poole, class of 1957.

African-American students made up 15 percent of the El Cerrito High's population during Poole's four years there.

She watched a predominantly African-American basketball team dominate opponents, and listened to the motivating speeches of the African-American senior class vice president. But when she looked down from the stands, and heard the cheering of the pompom girls, she noticed that the group remained segregated. Martha Holmes Poole changed that.

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ECHS ARCHIVING PROJECT

If you have an idea for someone who deserves to be profiled in this series on El Cerrito High School, please E-mail your suggestions to David Ball at dmbs0101@aol.com. Coinciding with this series of historic articles are three archiving projects at ECHS: A large museum-quality display case with over 200 items, an oral history that will include interviews and will be made into a CD, and a See-ECHS-For-The-Last-Time Weekend event. For more information contact Joann Steck-Bayat at 510-524-9464 or jsbayat@comcast.net or Lu Tipping at 233-7732 or tipping1@aol.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Council to address proposal for casino

The Albany City Council will discuss the proposal to build a casino with 2,500 slot machines in San Pablo and whether or not to approve a resolution opposing the project at its Tuesday, Feb. 22 meeting. City Councilman Robert Lieber requested to have the item placed on the council's agenda earlier this week. "Personally, I'm against urban gambling and I hope it doesn't come to pass because I think it won't be good for our area," said Lieber. "And I don't think it will be good for the community that gets it."

The council will also hold a public hearing and possibly approve the first of two readings of a wireless communication facilities ordinance. The ordinance would establish standards for where wireless antennas can be placed; describe application and approval processes; and regulate the circumstances under which the antennas can be removed. Two council votes are necessary for the law to take effect.

The council will also hold a hearing to discuss the status of sewer, storm drain and capital facilities in-lieu fees collected as of June 30, 2004. Developers can opt to pay those fees if developments fail to meet certain city requirements, said City Administrator Beth Pollard.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5720.

Reception for art exhibit set for Feb. 20

An opening reception for a new art exhibit at the Albany Community Center foyer will be held Feb. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibit, called "Interpolations," is composed of works by artist Jennifer Foxley. The foyer is located at 1249 Marin Ave. For more information, call 510-524-9283.

Salt-pond restoration project scheduled

There will be a talk on salt-pond restoration at Friends of Five Creeks' monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 7, at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave. "Returning the Tides" features Briggs Nisbet, Restoration Campaigns Manager for Save the Bay, who will speak on restoring more than 16,000 acres of Bay salt ponds, the largest tidal-wetlands restoration project on the West Coast.

For more information contact 510-848-9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

'Oklahoma!' closes this weekend at AHS

Albany High School's production of "Oklahoma!" closes this weekend. Final showtimes are at 8 tonight and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday in the AHS Little Theater.

Tickets ($10 for adults, $5 for children through 18 and $5 for senior citizens) can be purchased in advance today between 12:45 and 1:15 p.m. in Room 22 at the high school or by calling the box office at 510-558-2575. Reservations will be held until 10 minutes before curtain, at which time the tickets will go on general sale.

Library book sale scheduled for Feb. 26

The Friends of the Albany Library Book Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 26 at the library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany (between Masonic and Evelyn).

Most items are priced at 50 cents and include fiction, mysteries, children's books, library discards, magazines, records, and a special "white elephant" table. Fill a bag of books for $3 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For details or to help, call 510-536-3720, ext. 5.

El Cerrito

Exchange Club to host crab feed Feb. 26

The Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito will hold its annual crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Richmond Auditorium. The social hour will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner, including salad, pasta, bread and all-you-can-eat crab will be served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $35 and proceeds benefit the El Cerrito High School athletic department. For more information, call Howard Abelson at 510-525-7709.

State of city address postponed

Mayor Sandi Potter's state of the city address has been postponed until March 22. The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Feb. 22 luncheon will instead have a presentation about the city's first business reception on March 11. The Feb. 22 event will be held at noon at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd. The cost is $16. For more information, call 510-233-7040.

Kensington

Friends of Library considers new building

The Friends of the Kensington Library is looking at the feasibility of building a new library or expanding the current one, Friends president Debbie Hamati said. "The hope is to refurbish, embellish and revise things for the needs of families of the future," Hamati said. "Right now the library is lagging behind."

The 40-year-old building has 40,000 books, twice the number it was meant to carry. The building also needs to be remodeled and brought up to current building standards, Hamati said.

A town hall meeting will be held Monday, March 21 to gauge public interest in the project, and whether money can be raised to match state money that may be available after June 2006. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the library, 61 Arlington Ave. For more information, call 510-524-3043.

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 11 El Cerrito High history column, the photo credit on the 1940s Gauchos game was incomplete. The photo was contributed by Beverly Peralta Enz.

El Cerrito police seek home-invasion rap

By Karl Fischer
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A masked gunman raped a 20-year-old woman inside her Liberty Street apartment Monday, then nearly kidnapped her and a roommate before driving away in their car.

The terrifying assault began around 8 p.m. when a tall, skinny man wearing a mask knocked on the victim's door, then barged in when she opened it, police said.

"We are very concerned. This is not a common occurrence ... there is no evidence to suggest the victims were targeted" by someone they knew, El Cerrito detective Sgt. Shawn Maples said.

Police identified no suspects Tuesday, although an overnight search of the region did yield the stolen 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo abandoned in a lot at the Monterey Pines public housing project in Richmond.

Police urge anyone with information about the attack, or who saw the white Monte Carlo on Carlson Boulevard or in Monterey Pines after 8:15 p.m. Monday, to call them.

"The suspect pushed his way into the apartment and began giving orders," police Detective Don Horgan said. "It sounds like it was going to be a robbery, but they didn't have a whole lot to give him."

He threatened the women with a handgun and demanded cash, Maples said. The rapist ordered both women to put articles of clothing over their heads to obscure their view of him.

The first victim went into her bedroom to gather jewelry and other valuables, which she placed in bags. The man ordered the second woman to lie face-down on the bathroom floor, police said.

The rapist seemed confident and talked a lot. He told the women he had watched them walk into the building, Maples said. The victims, who moved into the 1400-block apartment this month, parked on the street in front of their building. Detectives believe the attacker followed them inside.

After assaulting the first victim, the rapist ordered her to dress and forced both women at gunpoint outside to their car. He left most of the valuables in the apartment, police said.

"He ordered them to [illegible] the victims refused," [illegible] "They spoke to each [illegible] cretly) while walking [illegible] and agreed they were [illegible] go with him."

Immediately after [illegible] drove away, the victim [illegible] at 8:15 p.m. Police [illegible] area but found no [illegible] saw or heard anything [illegible] El Cerrito officers [illegible] several hours later [illegible] son Boulevard apartment [illegible]

Police did recover [illegible] idence from the crime [illegible] authorities processed [illegible] forensic evidence Tuesday, said.

Neither Richmond [illegible] rito police reported [illegible] recently.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Feb. 7

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Thieves broke into a green 1985 Honda in the 900 block of Fillmore Street.

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At about 10 p.m. officers arrested a 52-year-old transient in the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue for drug charges.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — The 7-Eleven store on Solano Avenue reported a man causing a disturbance. A 25-year-old Albany man was arrested for disorderly conduct and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

■ **VANDALISM** — At midnight officers contacted the driver of a black 1995 Volkswagen Jetta at a business in the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue for suspicious activity. A 17-year-old Albany boy was arrested for vandalism.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At 4 a.m. officers arrested a 41-year-old Berkeley man at Dartmouth and Kains avenues for disorderly conduct. He was held to be released when sober.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A 1997 Toyota Rav4 in the 800 block of Hillside Avenue was burgled overnight.

■ **TWO BIKES STOLEN** — Someone stole a men's blue Novara Express bike from a rack at Albany High School the previous day. A resident in the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard also reported a bike being stolen.

■ **BREAK-IN** — Lockers at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue were burgled.

■ **RECOVERED VEHICLE** — A green 1973 Cadillac with no tires in the 500 block of Cleveland Avenuewas found to have been reported as stolen out of Pinole.

Thursday, Feb. 10

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A silver 1993 Honda Prelude was stolen from the 900 block of Ordway Street overnight.

■ **FORGERY ARRESTS** — At about 10 a.m. officers responded to the Mechanics Bank in the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a woman attempting to pass bad checks. They arrested a 29-year-old San Pablo woman for possession of stolen property, conspiracy, being in possession of stolen property and driving without a license. They also arrested a 34-year-old Fresno woman for forgery, possession of stolen property, burglary, conspiracy and resisting an officer.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers arrested a 47-year-old Albany woman in the 1400 block of Thousand Oaks Boulevard for an outstanding Albany warrant for forgery.

Saturday, Feb.

■ **VANDALISM** — The win[illegible] black 2001 Dodge Stratus [illegible] ing lot of the Albany Cinem[illegible] smashed during the afterno[illegible]

■ **DUI** — At 2 a.m. officers [illegible] silver 1990 Buick Park Aven[illegible] Curtis and Marin avenues fo[illegible] code violation. They arrested [illegible] old Berkeley woman, for DU[illegible]

Summary

During the week of Feb. 7 [illegible] towed four vehicles, respond[illegible] false alarms, attended to two [illegible] mals, and assisted one perso[illegible] out of a residence. Officers [illegible] to five civil disturbances and [illegible] assists. Firefighter/paramed[illegible] sponded to four medical em[illegible]

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Saturday, Jan. 15

■ **CIGARETTE BURNS** — A 50-year-old Berkeley man was arrested on suspicion of burning his roommate with a lit cigarette after an argument at the Super 8 Motel at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 15-year-old El Cerrito boy was arrested at his home on suspicion of possessing a 1986 Toyota Corolla that was stolen between 7:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. The boy was stopped on Ashbury Avenue while driving the vehicle for a seatbelt violation on Jan. 18. The officer who made the stop left to assist another officer and the boy was gone when the officer returned. Police were able to identify the driver from talking to him and from researching school records. The Corolla, was reported stolen three hours after the boy was stopped.

Friday, Jan. 21

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 34-year-old San Pablo man was arrested near Huntington and San Pablo avenues at 7:50 a.m. after he was seen driving a pick-up truck Jan. 21 stolen in Berkeley. The man was also seen driving a stolen Toyota pick-up truck at El Cerrito Plaza on Jan. 14, police said. There was also a warrant for his arrest.

Sunday, Jan. 23

■ **RESISTING ARREST** — A 39-year-old motorist was arrested at 11 a.m., following a slow-speed pursuit after the man failed to pull over for a vehicle code violation, police said. The man drove 10 to 25 mph for about one mile before pulling to the curb and stopping. He was taken into custody after he had finished throwing some of the contents of his vehicle at the officer. He complied with commands after hearing a request for a taser unit to be sent to the scene. He was booked on suspicion of evading an officer, resisting arrest and driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

■ **BURGLARY** — A 34-year-old Richmond man was arrested near Central and Yosemite avenues on suspicion of stealing a duffle bag from a garage in the 3200 block of Santa Clara Avenue around 2:13 a.m. The man dropped the bag and ran after police saw him walking in the area. He admitted taking the bag after being apprehended, police said. The victim called a few minutes later reporting someone had just left her garage.

Thursday, Jan. 27

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — Police said woman in possession of a controlled substance and a shaved key used to steal cars was arrested after the 1989 Honda Civic in which she was riding was pulled over at Arlington Boulevard near Terrace Drive. The man driving the vehicle stole a bicycle from a nearby garage and pedaled away, eluding officers, police said.

■ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** — Police arrested a 45-year-old man, following the report of a disturbance in the 500 block of Seaview Drive at 8:30 p.m. Pepper spray was needed to bring the man under control, after he resisted arrest and injured an officer, police said. He was also arrested on suspicion of domestic violence.

Saturday, Jan. 29

■ **COUNTERFEIT CARD** — A 19-year-old woman was arrested at Target at 6 p.m. on suspicion of buying a plasma television with a counterfeit credit card. She was found with two poor-quality counterfeit Visa cards, said police, and was booked on suspicion of burglary and forgery.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

■ **STOLEN CREDIT CARD** — A 33-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested on suspicion of buying more than $1,100 in electronics with a credit card stolen in Berkeley. The man abandoned the property and a bag containing a controlled substance in the store's bathroom when he saw a police officer in the store on an unrelated case, police said.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1995 Saturn SW2 station wagon was take[illegible] overnight from the 2300 bloc[illegible] lare Avenue.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A [illegible] arrested following the theft o[illegible] Toyota Camry in the 1200 bl[illegible] Liberty Street between 8 a.m. [illegible] 8 and 9:45 p.m. the next da[illegible]

Wednesday, Feb

■ **SHOPLIFTING** A 29-year-o[illegible] Sobrante man was arrested [illegible] cion of shoplifting $995 worth [illegible] chandise in a duffle bag at Ter[illegible]

■ **ROBBERY** — A man with [illegible] robbed a business in the 600[illegible] of Potrero Avenue at 6:20 p.m. [illegible] man fled toward South 56th [illegible]

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 199[illegible] mouth Voyager was taken ov[illegible] from the 5700 block of Fern A[illegible]

Thursday, Feb.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 199[illegible] Escort was taken overnight fr[illegible] 7700 block of Terrace Drive.

■ **ROBBERY** — The GNC [illegible] Cerrito Plaza was robbed by [illegible] armed with a handgun at 2:45 [illegible]

Friday, Feb. 1

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — [illegible] Toyota Camry stolen from the [illegible] block of Carlos Avenue on Feb. [illegible] recovered Feb. 12 after it was [illegible] Madison and San Pablo avenue[illegible] driver fled escaped by running [illegible] backyards in the area, police [illegible]

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MARTIN SNAPP
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LAST DECEMBER, when I complained about the creeping genericization of Christmas, some people thought I was proselytizing for Christianity. But I wasn't. In fact, I'm not even a Christian.

What I love about Christmas is its authenticity. You don't have to be a believer to respond to its age-old traditions. They evoke something deep and powerful in our collective memory.

But as much as I hate what's happened to Christmas, that's nothing compared with how I feel about Presidents Day.

What is it, anyway? Does it include hacks like Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, and James Buchanan? Or John Tyler, who turned traitor during the Civil War and supported the South?

No, Presidents Day is a hybrid of two former holidays, Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday. Back in the 1970s they were combined into one day and put permanently on a Monday, so we could enjoy the convenience of a three-day weekend.

But that misses the point: A holiday is *supposed* to be inconvenient. It's a day when we stop doing what we'd rather be doing and take time to honor something bigger than ourselves. It should be more than a pretext for the department stores to hold sales.

People like Washington and Lincoln are role models for the rest of us. Their birthdays are an annual opportunity to think about the terrible perils they overcame, and to gain courage to face our own challenges.

Lincoln held the nation together through the cruelest of wars, a civil war, which killed 650,000 Americans. He freed the slaves. And he managed to do all this without destroying our democracy in the process — a challenge that still confronts us today.

As for Washington, his greatest claim on our affections was not in what he did with his power, but in the fact that he walked away from it.

Have you ever wondered why his contemporaries — Hamilton, Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, and Madison — revered him so much? Each had very high opinions of his own abilities, yet they all got misty-eyed at the mere mention of his name.

It was because they knew their history, and history is littered with the names of conquerors who started out as liberators but ended up as tyrants, from Cromwell to Castro.

But not Washington. After the war was won, Congress did what politicians usually do: It broke its promise to give the soldiers their back pay.

Furious, about 200 high-ranking officers called a secret meeting to plot a *coup d'etat*. They planned to march on Philadelphia, arrest the Congress, and install a military dictatorship with Washington as its figurehead. And they could have done it easily, too, except for one thing: Washington.

He got word of the meeting and unexpectedly showed up himself. He asked to be allowed to speak, knowing that they couldn't refuse their old commander-in-chief this one last courtesy.

He started reading them a letter he'd just received from a member of Congress.

All of a sudden, he did something none of them had ever seen him do before: He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of eyeglasses.

"Gentlemen, you must excuse me for wearing these spectacles," he said. "I have grown gray in your service, and now I have grown blind, too."

Then he folded the letter, put it back in his pocket, and walked out of the room.

By the time he got to the door, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Many were sobbing openly. The coup was over before it began. And that's why we're a democracy today, not a banana republic on steroids.

A guy like that deserves his own day, don't you think?

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

Neighbors

FACES & PLACES



WINDRUSH SCHOOL

DEBORAH STIPEK, dean and professor of education at Stanford University, speaks at Windrush School.

An overflow audience listened to a talk Feb. 1 by Deborah Stipek, Stanford University dean and professor of education, and author of "Motivated Minds: Raising Children to Love Learning," at Windrush School in El Cerrito.

Children's motivation to learn begins to decline in third grade, Stipek told the audience, and advised parents on how to help their children keep a love of learning.

She also praised Windrush for engaging children in active learning projects, challenging learners at the right level, and encouraging students to become independent learners.

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Kensington Girl Scout Troop 2150 has been volunteering at the Berkeley animal shelter for some time now, and on Feb. 11 eight of the troop's 10 members helped handle the animals at the shelter's mobile adoption day.

The girls also raised $118.79 with a bake sale at the event to benefit the shelter.

The girls in the troop are from Kensington and El Cerrito. Nw in sixth grade, they started out in Scouts together in second grade. Sounds like they've learned something about teamwork in that time.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd



TROOP 2150

SHOWN HERE with Darshen the dog are Girl Scout Troop 2150 members (from front) Trudy Westby, Hannah Kessel, Franny Diehl, Heather Bates, Tianna Diaz, Mariela Castro, Mariana Castro and Brooks Brorsen. The girls have been Scouts together since second grade; they're now in the sixth.

Author's work looks at big picture of the universe



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

ROSS TOBIA says the path to writing his book, "Grand Unified Theory: Physics for a New Age" began when he was 15 and became interested in yoga and astrology. This led to reading and studies ranging through physics, chemistry, evolution, astronomy, and related subjects including Christian, Hindu and Buddhist traditions. In the book, Tobia speaks of the "myth of creation" and postulates his own theory of the beginnings of the universe. He cites scientific findings, and often points out biblical text that speaks of the same facts he is discussing. It is a whole new way of looking at the world around us.

According to the publisher, the book is the result of attempts to answer questions such as: "What is the place of life in the Universe? Is this universe all there is? What is its shape and geometry? What is the nature of the electromagnetic spectrum? What is the scientific definition of life? Can anything resist gravity? Does astrology have a physical explanation?"

Tobia explores explanations of mysteries embodied in the cosmos. The book looks at the Grand Unified Theory as "an open door."

Back to what started it all: yoga. Tobia's interest in yoga stemmed from his reading Inana Yoga. Among many different yogas, he says, this one is about the yoga of analysis. Hindu analyst Bhagavad-Gheeta is "an inspiration to me," Tobia says.

In the book, he adds, "I tried to bring together the highest principles of spirituality with the most basic forces of nature and explain them together as a set of principles that explain the universe as a living organism in itself."

Both science and religion make a mistake in separating God from science, he says. "I think 50 to 100 years from now people will understand it."

Tobia says he has sent his book to everyone from scientists to members of Congress. "Some of them might not understand it, but might give it to people who do."

Tobia was born in San Lorenzo and went through school there, then attended Cal State Hayward for a while before dropping out. He says after dropping out he went through a period of idleness and drinking too much, before admitting he had a problem deciding to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in the 1990s. Returning to school, he earned a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in psychological research from San Francisco State.

He will read from and discuss his book in El Cerrito on Feb. 20 and March 1 (see breakout box).

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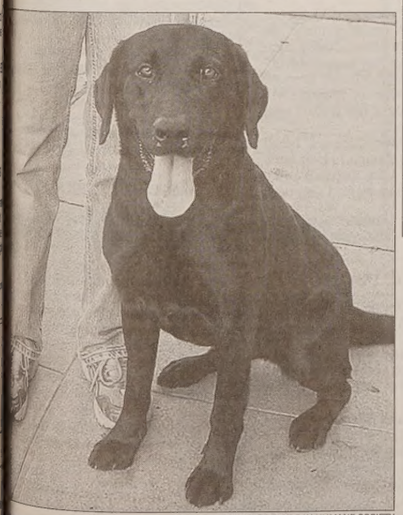
WHO: Ross Tobia, author of "Grand Unified Theory: Physics for a New Age"

WHAT: Reading and discussion

WHEN, WHERE: 1 p.m. Sunday at Raphael Shutter Cafe, 10064 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito and 7 p.m. March 1 at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.

DETAILS: 510-527-2402 or www.rosstobia.com.

PET OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

NATALIE is a 2-year-old female Labrador retriever. Happy and funloving, she would do best in an active family who would give her plenty of exercise, say workers at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, where Natalie may be available for adoption. They add that she knows "sit," "down," and "heel" and walks very nicely on a leash — her only drawback is that she's not crazy about other dogs and would do best as the only dog in the house.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Female hound mix, 3 years; female Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; male Labrador retriever/dachshund mix, 2 years; male Labrador retriever mix, 2 years; female shepherd mix, 1-2 years; female dachshund, 1 year; male Australian cattle dog mix and merle, 6 months; male Dalmatian mix, 5 months; female German pinscher mix, 4 months.

Cats: Female black and white, 7 years; female dilute calico, 7 years; male black, 6 years; female tabby brown, 6 years; male black tabby, 5 years; female gray and white, 5 years; female dilute tuxedo, 5 years; male black (2 cats), 4 years; female calico, 4 years; female dilute tortoiseshell, 4 years; female calico, 3 years; male tabby brown, 3 years; female calico, 3 years; male black, 5 months.

Rabbits: Female English Spot mix, black and white, 4 years; female Chinchilla mix brown agouti, 2 years; female Dutch mix, tan and white, 1 year.

Adoption fee: cats $100; dogs $125 — including spaying neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

High hopes await this baseball season

WITH THIS week's rains and the chilly days and nights of winter, it's hard to imagine that a ritual as old as the changing of the seasons is nearly here. Spring training. It's a magic phrase, one associated with all the possibilities that spring has to offer. And it's a time when all the teams — including our Bay Area teams, the Oakland A's and the San Francisco Giants —— are optimistic and in contention.

Officially, the season begins in April, when the games really matter. But players are reporting to spring training in Arizona and Florida this week, and gearing up to play exhibition games beginning in early March.

There's a sense of anticipation in looking forward to tasting that first mustard-covered hot dog and the joy of feeling the sun while watching baseball on a grassy field. It's the whole ballgame experience — from buying the overpriced souvenirs to the nachos and peanuts and beer — that has to be savored.

Both the A's and Giants enter the season full of promise — and with winning records. But the top honor of Major League Baseball — the World Series — has eluded them in recent years.

The A's enter the season with more than the usual question marks, dealing with the state and future of the franchise down to who's going to play second base. Will new owner Louis Wolff usher in an era where the A's actually retain their key players instead of trading them off to other, richer teams? Or will he be as frugal as previous A's owners, all the way back to Connie Mack, Charles O. Finley and, of course, Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann. And where will the A's ultimately end up — at a baseball-only stadium in Oakland, in San Jose or another part of Silicon Valley, in Las Vegas or in Portland?

Or will A's General Manager Billy Beane weave his magic again and top last year's 91-win total with a bunch of new, promising faces like catcher Jason Kendall, pitcher Danny Haren and reliever Kiko Calero?

The Giants also face a set of questions, involving the age of their veteran free-agent acquisitions like shortstop Jose Vizquel, catcher Mike Matheny and outfielder Moises Alou — son of Giants skipper Felipe Alou. The team looks good on paper, but ballplayers still have to play the game.

The Giants still revolve around slugger Barry Bonds, who's closing in on Hank Aaron's record of 755 home runs.

We want to see Bonds because he's chasing history — and, frankly, because of the controversy over the steroid scandal in the BALCO case. Bonds and New York Yankees (and former Oakland A's) first baseman Jason Giambi, have been criticized because of the performance-enhancing steroid allegations that dominated baseball news in the offseason.

And, this week, former A's star Jose Canseco released his tell-all book, titled "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big," in which he calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," and reportedly implicates players such as Bonds, Giambi, Mark McGwire, and others as using the juice. He also blames the baseball team owners and the players union for ignoring steroid use.

Whatever you may think of Canseco, he's further opened up discussion about steroid use in sports.

It'll be interesting to see how baseball endures this. Throughout its history, Major League Baseball has survived all sorts of controversies, dating back to the Black Sox scandal of 1919, in which eight Chicago White Sox players were accused of throwing the World Series; the Pittsburgh drug trials of the 1980s; several labor strikes; free agency; and in 1994, the cancellation of the World Series.

It's amid this backdrop — with a mix of pure curiosity, anticipation, and a hint of voyeurism — that we look forward to baseball this year, arguably more so than in past years.

Spring training is here. Play ball!

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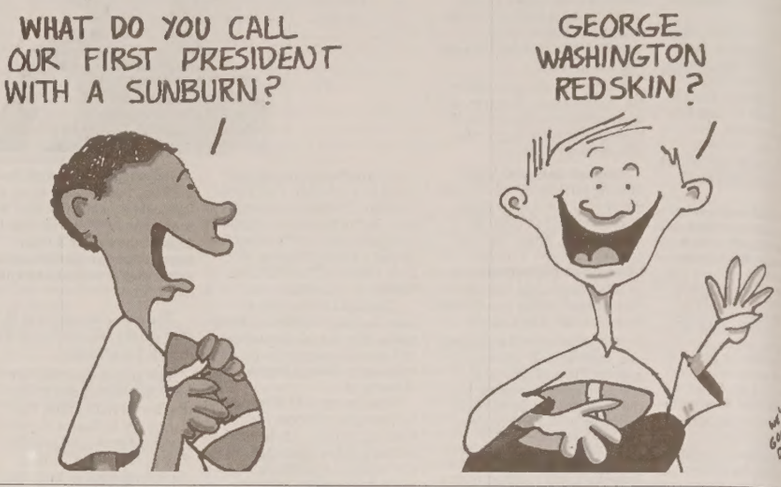
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HERE COMES PRESIDENTS DAY



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It was government's fault

The Great Depression, through which I (age 84) lived, was brought on by the absurd actions of the central government, which followed a large inflating of the currency — that produced the stock market bubble — with a large deflation right after the 1929 crash.

Then, President Hoover exacerbated matters by raising taxes!

This was followed by FDR's fascist approach with New Deal programs that, virtually, all failed.

I took a job in 1939 for $13 a week after two years of engineering studies.

The Depresssion did not end until the advent of World War II, when government borrowing for military supplies put people back to work.

It was not the fault of business that things were so bad. It was the fault of government.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

A strong partnership

I am writing in response to your editorial of Feb. 4, "Waterfront planning needs special scrutiny."

Golden Gate Fields has been operating at our current location for 60 years and we plan to stay right here for at least 60 more. I have enjoyed my 25 years of serving as liaison between the racetrack and the city of Albany, its residents, and organizations.

It has been a strong partnership and we have been proud to not only aid the community through the revenue we generate by our operations, but through the many charitable causes we participate in year after year.

Moreover, we have opened the property to our Albany neighbors to walk their dogs, ride their bikes or to teach their children how to drive. It is with that same sense of partnership that we enter conversations about the best way to continue sharing the beauty of this expansive access and the benefits derived from its use.

We believe it is our duty to be a good corporate citizen in the Albany community and we will continue to do so for the years to come.

On the issue of waterfront development, we share the view that our property is a great resource and that any plans for development should be carefully considered and well done. We are all in this together. Striking the right balance between development and open space is our goal.

Our actions are guided by not only what is good for our business but also what is good for the community, and we will take the same approach to any development along the waterfront.

Peter Tunney
General Manager
Golden Gate Fields

State of education in California

I am not Super Woman — I am a teacher.

But with each passing day it is becoming more obvious that school districts and the state believe that I (and other teachers in school districts throughout California), can meet increasingly higher curriculum standards, while taking all of my third-graders with me.

If deemed necessary that my class size be increased by 10 or more students, my amazing powers will nevertheless carry us all to the top!

Since I am more powerful than a locomotive, I can teach, nurture and care for all my students, (even the most troubled ones who lack parental support), eight hours each day, then go home and edit papers, record grades and plan more lessons.

Since I am faster than a speeding bullet, all of the above won't take too much time. This explains why it's OK to decrease my salary by 1 percent and freeze my step-and-column movement (indicating years taught and education) to guarantee that my cost-of-living increase not be granted, as has been the case for years.

After all, I am Super Woman and I don't really need to be concerned about the ever-increasing cost of health insurance.

Since the Benicia Unified School District, where I teach, is proposing I can be entitled to five days of sick leave annually, my super powers will ward off every bug to which I am exposed while working closely with students who come to school sick.

In fact, I am so knowledgeable about health issues that now the district proposes I be required to administer medication or perform any medical procedure on a student, such as tube-feeding. But wait, there's more.

Since the state is proposing that it cut off insurance that would protect me should something go wrong during such a "simple" procedure, my huge bank account and assets (miraculously accrued by my spectacular teacher's salary) will surely cover the costs of any lawsuit with which I will be faced.

But never fear. Everything will be all right because, even though I never went to medical school, I am Super Woman and I can do it! That's right. I can do it all!

Jane Hara
Albany

Hopeful, but ...

I wonder what George W. Bush's second term will mean for America and the wider world.

Patrick Henry, one of our early patriots, wrote in a 1775 speech: "I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past."

President Bush and Condoleezza Rice speak grandly of freedom and liberty. Wonderful. I humbly suggest you can't force freedom and liberty (democracy) on any country's citizens, as this war did in Iraq.

Hopefully, democracy will come to reign there. But I still feel shame for this war as being unjust and unjustified.

Patrick Henry wrote in the same speech: " ... as for me, give me liberty or give me death." This plea is out of context now (more than 200 years later). But I offer that Henry didn't say, as seems to apply in Iraq, "Give me liberty and me death."

Bush and Rice also speak of pro ing/ensuring America's "interests abr What about interests here at home? problem-list is long.

As for the future, I applaud Teddy sevelt's use of "Speak softly and ca big stick; you will go far."

Claire J. Ja
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BART finances

Articles about BART's financial p lems overlook that BART gave very salary increases that upset the whole sit industry.

They mention nothing of Transb which would eliminate tickets and lines to check and out at BART and Add Fare needs.

They fail to mention the need floodgate for their tunnel, which is li down below Market Street in San F cisco. If the tunnel ever leaks dur quake, the water may go as far a 16th Street BART station.

Imagine what it would be like electricity is out, the escalators and vators don't work and the stations crowded.

BART also ought to be buying tricity direct from government d avoiding the high costs of PG&E.

Charles L. Sm
Berk

Smith is a retired traffic engineer, ner and researcher.

More information

As chairman of the Kensington nicipal Advisory Council, I thank the nal for the excellent Feb. 4 article, raising events proposal debated."

Your reporter did an excellent reporting many of the comments at our meeting. I wish to add that was an almost universal feeling Coventry Road residents present meeting that the proposed legislation permissive when compared with law and enforcement actions.

That was these residents' prim stated reason for opposing it, and appeared most uneasy with a poten change.

Ray Ba
Kensing

Social Security fix

Everyone talks about it, but there only two things needed to fix Social curity.

Make a new rule that the politic quit stealing from it to balance the get. And put it back to the way signed it, taking off all the extra ta that have been tied to it in the last so years.

Then people would not have to about 2042 or 2052 or forever.

Charles W
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A risky scheme

In President Bush's State of the U address, he tried to sell us a lemon. I'm not buying it. He's trying to dres a risky Social Security privatiza scheme — which, in reality, would g antee benefit cuts for the American ple and divert billions in taxpayer m to the president's Wall Street friends.

For President George W. Bush preach the need to be "fiscally respo ble" is almost laughable.

Mary Ho
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WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The **Albany Library** will present poet Gillian Conoley in a program from 7 to 9 p.m. March 3. Conoley's latest poetry collection "Profane Halo," and will be published by Verse Press in April. Her previous collections include "Flowers in the Used World"; "Tall Stranger", "Beckon" and "Some Other Pain," co-winner of the Great Lakes Colleges New Writer Award. She has received several Fulbright Prizes, and her work has been anthologized widely. Conoley is professor and poet-in-residence at Sonoma State University and is the founder and editor of

Also: Second Wednesdays drop-in poetry writing workshop, from 7 to 9 p.m. March 9, led by Alison Seevak, an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

The next Friends of the Albany Library book sale will be held Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an ongoing book sale in the library during open hours.

The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Phone: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

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The **El Cerrito Library**'s "Pot O' Gold" Reading Club for children in first through sixth grade runs through March 17. Children can read 10 books and earn prizes.

Readers Anonymous, the library's book club, meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the current selection are available at the checkout desk. Next up: "Oryx and Crake," by Margaret Ele Atwood (Feb. 22).

The library is at 6510 Stockton Ave. Phone: 510-526-7512.

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The **Kensington Library** celebrates African American History month with a program of magic, comedy and African American history featuring the popular performer Unique Derique, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Free tickets are required are available at the library.

The library at 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1098. Phone: 510-524-3043.

ALBANY SCHOOL NEWS

Albany High School

AHS Jazz Band entered a national competition held by the Monterey Jazz Festival. The band sent a performance tape to judges at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and was one of only 12 bands from around the country selected to perform in April at the spring education program of the Monterey Jazz Festival.

The American Citizens Alliance Essay Contest offers a $1,000 scholarship for the winning essay on a current event topic about Asian Americans. Open to all students. Group deadline is Feb. 28. Ms. Sumberg has details in the counseling office.

Albany florists, The Golden Poppy and La Vie en Rose (both on Solano Avenue) will donate 5 percent of sales from the AHS community to the Class of 2006. Put receipts in the Junior class box in the main office.

Yearbook staff needs more JV Girls' soccer photos. If anyone has extra photos or digital files of photos, they can bring them to Ms. Ferguson's box in the main office. CD files are okay. They can also be e-mailed as attachments to fergletwa@yahoo.com.

Coaches are needed for the Writer-Coach Connection program. Details: msumberg@albany.k12.ca.us, or 510-558-2508.

Albany Middle School

Feb. 21-25: Winter Break, no school
March 1: Student Council, 7:30 a.m.
March 3: PTA meeting, Library, 7 p.m.
March 7: Principal's coffee, room 116, 8 a.m.

Marin Elementary School

The PTA is presenting the Family Math Festival, to tell Marin students and families what domes, dominoes and Dixie cups have in common. The dates are Wednesday evening, March 2; Saturday afternoon, March 5; and Tuesday evening, March 8. Registration forms are available in the office.

State law requires first-graders to have a record of a physical examination on file at the school. Kindergarten parents should schedule a checkup now. First graders will not be admitted without an exam record.

Feb. 21-25: Mid-winter break, no school
March 11: Garden Day, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
March 16: PTA meeting, 8:30-10 a.m.
April 14: PTA meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

AUSD

Registration for 2005-06 elementary school begins Wednesday, March 2, at the Albany Community Center. Details: www.albany.k12.ca.us.

For parents concerned about their teens, Suki Graves, family services Drug and Alcohol Task Force member, opens her home at 1060 Cornell on Wednesday, Feb, 23, at 7 p.m. for conversation and support.

Mar. 3: Bond Oversight Committee meeting, 1200 Solano Avenue, 7 p.m.
Mar. 15: School Board meeting, Cornell School, 7:30 p.m.

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

El Cerrito High School Concert and Symphonic Bands present: "The Pops Concert" on Thursday, March 17, at the Little Theater. Mr. Brown, the band director has created a program that includes the romantic "Bolero," the action-packed "Pirates of the Caribbean," and more. There is also a band premiere and a guest conductor. The Little Theater is, well, little. So get your tickets today! General Admission Ticket is $10. (Note: The Baked Goods Exchange for Admission" does NOT apply to this concert.) For more information contact Shoko Kiyono at 510-236-5736 or shokiyono@aol.com call Send check payable to "Friends of El Cerrito Music" to: Shoko Kiyono, 1510 Madera Rd., El Cerrito, 94530.

Orders are being made now for a Band Sweatshirt Weekend on April 30 and May 1 at ECHS. The project needs a person who can produce a slide show/music video that could run continuously in the gym during the sock hop and make copies on a CD. Details: Lu Tipping, 510-233-7731.

Harding Elementary

Harding Elementary is planning its annual Spring Auction for March 12. The auction has received celebrity donations from director Gary Ross and singer/songwriter Melissa Etheridge. These items include three Gary Ross-signed scripts from the films "Seabiscuit," "Dave" and "Pleasantville", two Melissa Etheridge-signed DVDs and eight signed CDs. For more information check the school Web site, http://www.hardingpta.org/

March 7: PTA meeting. Harding parents who have never attended are encouraged to come. 7-9 p.m., staff room.

For details check the school Web site, http://www.hardingpta.org/

Portola Middle School

Mr. Phan is recruiting volunteer tutors for an after-school program that must have an academic and enrichment component as well as recreation. The program could use three to five volunteer math and English tutors. 510-524-0405 or Kal.Phan@gw.wccusd.k12.ca.us.

March 1: Music Parents Meeting, Library, 6:16 p.m.
March 15: Portola Band Concert, 7 p.m.

— Source: El Cerrito school e-mail trees

Sometimes struggle is point of lesson



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

Quote of the week:

"Shut not your doors to me, proud libraries,/ For that which was lacking on all your well-fill'd shelves, yet needed most, I bring;/ Forth from the army, the war emerging — a book I have made,/ The words of my book nothing — the drift of it everything."

— Walt Whitman, 1819-1892, from "Leaves of Grass"

SEVERAL YEARS ago I wrote an article about the idea of nurturing teenagers. My children had reached an age where I wasn't sure when it was OK to give them assistance and when it was better to let them struggle.

For instance, if one of my daughters were to leave her homework at home and then call me and ask me to bring it to her, which would be better: to bring it; or to say no, hoping that would help her remember it the next time?

This conflict between helping and not helping is a lifelong question for parents, whether it starts when our children are young or when they're teenagers. And one place this dynamic shows up is at the library.

I was reminded of this recently when I had a succession of eighth-grade class visits. Part of my presentation was a treasure hunt, using the Dewey decimal system. After I briefly reviewed call numbers — R for reference, B for biography, J for juvenile, search for the whole number and the name — I gave each student a slip of paper with a number on it. Their instructions were to find the book and write the title on the back of the slip. Correct answers were rewarded with a Hershey's kiss; if they had the wrong answer, I gave them a few tips and sent them back to try again.

And as I watched those eighth-graders looking for materials, I realized it was easier for some than others. There are many reasons for this, of course, but since teachers start giving library search assignments in elementary school, I wondered if there was any correlation between previous assignments and searching skills.

I thought about the many elementary school children who come to the reference desk by themselves and ask for help. Our goal is to try to guide them through a search, without giving them a direct answer. As librarians we know that teaching someone how to find something is a lot better in the long run than simply handing it to them.

On the other hand, some of these children arrive with parents who take an active role in finding the materials. One reason may be how difficult it is for us, as parents, to watch our children struggle. There are other reasons, too: Parents may be in a hurry, or they're worried the work won't get done. Sometimes the result, though, is that by the time these children get to middle school or even high school, they may not know how to use a library.

In this increasingly technological world, where the full text of a magazine article can be read on a computer screen, it may seem like a waste of time to know how to find books in a public library.

But there are many resources that are only available in books, and knowing how to search a library catalog and then locate an item on a shelf can be a rewarding and educational experience.

I applaud the teachers who are trying to give their students this skill — it will serve them well.

And if your son or daughter is one of those lucky ones, I hope you are able to stand back and let them try – they will thank you for it some day.

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Privatize

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a "cool idea" but wondered how it could work.

"It takes money away from the system now and there's no plan I know of to replace that," said Bartke, an attorney and former El Cerrito mayor. "Secondly ... the government would still have some tie on individual accounts and could take them if they needed to."

"There is a crisis, but it doesn't need to be fixed right now." Bartke added. "It can be fixed over a period of years."

President Bush jump-started the debate about Social Security when he declared after his re-election that the system is in crisis because of a forecast bankruptcy in 2042. Bush's plan would let workers divert up to a third of their Social Security contributions into private savings accounts.

The crisis declaration has been attacked by Democratic lawmakers such as U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer of California as scare tactics to convince Americans that Bush's plan will save the system. In reality, Democrats say, the program would cut benefits by 45 percent, and throw millions of people into poverty.

The debate has created high interest in Social Security issues, said Al Miller, the president of the El Cerrito Democratic Club. On Tuesday, Jan. 22, the club will host UC Berkeley economics professor J. Bradford DeLong, who claims that Social Security ranks no higher than fourth in urgency and in size on the nation's list of fiscal problems.

The meeting will be held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito at 7:30 p.m.

Perhaps not surprisingly, many residents in the West County and Albany-Berkeley areas tend to side with the Democratic viewpoint.

The El Cerrito Committee on Aging wrote a six-word letter to the state's representatives in Washington: "'Hands-off' Social Security in Washington, D.C."

Kim-Selby, a member of the committee, had concerns about people investing their own money.

"If an individual has a pretty savvy idea of financing statements or financial ideas, then it may work," she said. "But if a person is totally unaware of what finance is about, they are in trouble. I think that's where our real debate comes in. That's the way I feel about it."

"I like the idea of at least partial privatization," said Amberg. "One of the things I find a little bothersome is that many of the commentaries I've read assume people would put the funds into the stock market. I don't know about you but that would be stupid. If you're going to try to save for retirement, I think you want to use a very, very secure, conservative investment."

Residents hanging out on Solano Avenue in Albany generally opposed to the president's plan, sometimes appearing to dismiss it out of hand.

"I'm pretty opposed to it," said 32-year-old Calvin Lai, washing windows at Wee Play, a children's play center on Solano Avenue. "I don't think it's going to help anything. I think he's hurting society as a whole. I don't believe in what he's doing basically."

"He's really out to destroy Social Security for the younger people and Republicans have always been that way," said 78-year-old retired postal worker Charles Pagter, who was drinking coffee down the street at Royal Ground Coffee.

Will Ninnis, an 89-year-old volunteer at the El Cerrito senior center, said he's read both positive and negative commentaries about people having their own private accounts.

"I have feelings that this could be a good thing," said Ninnis. "That it could be good for the young people.

"It'll have its ups and downs but over a long period of time, it (the stock market) can go nowhere but up."

"Not me," interjected his wife, Leona Ninnis, gesturing as if she was batting away the idea. "I don't think so."

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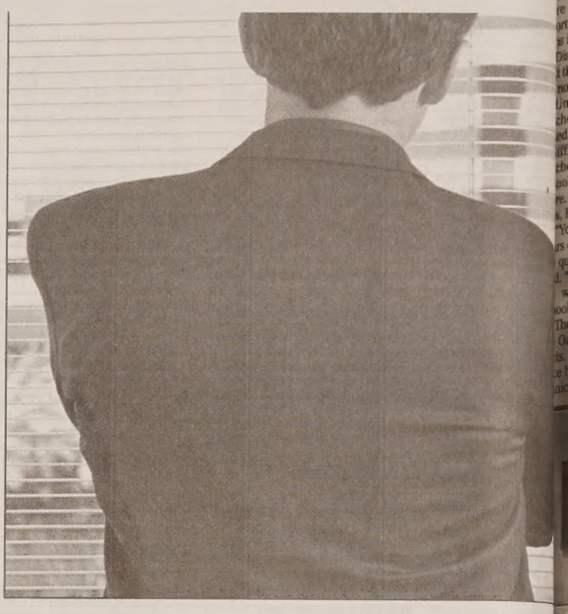
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Leading state Democrat urges Prop. 98 overhaul

Los Angeles Daily News, Feb. 9, 2005



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Poole

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The pompom girls, also known as the song-and-dance team, performed at basketball and football games. With the music of the Gaucho marching band in the background, the seven girls performed their routines to the cheering crowds.

In Poole's junior year, more than 30 girls tried out for the seven spots as pompom girls, including several of her African-American friends. Poole recalls that the tryouts were competitive and grueling. The girls had to learn a routine and perform it in front of a panel of judges, which included a writer from the local newspaper.

When Poole went to tryouts in 1956, she didn't realize the significance of the barrier that she was breaking down.

"I hadn't given it any thought, really," she remembers. "I just wanted to be on the squad. I had seen some of the college girls being pompom girls and yell leaders and I thought it would be fun."

As a junior, Poole made the squad, becoming the first African-American pompom girl in the school's history.

Poole's fondest moment as a pompom girl came when El Cerrito High School's basketball team played at the Cal arena in the Tournament of Champions.

"We performed there at halftime and we did a routine called 'Dungaree Dolls,'" she recalled with excitement. "We wore blue jeans and we were able to borrow high school sweaters from some of the boys who had earned their letters. We did a routine and that was really special to us and we won the T.O.C. that year!"

In his final message to the seniors in 1957, former El Cerrito High School Principal Claude D. Samples explained why Poole was so important in the history of the school.

"The success of any school can be measured only in the caliber of the students who attend. Any good your class has accomplished, any record you have surpassed, any standard that you have upheld can be attributed to tradition. The traditions which you have helped to build will indeed be incentives to future classes at El Cerrito High School."

Martha Holmes Poole you have played a part in tearing down one of the many barriers along the path to equality. You are truly one of El Cerrito High School's pioneers. Thank you Martha Homes Poole.

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Education

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"Before California's fiscal crisis ... we were able to provide a range of teacher recruitment and retention incentives specifically designed to attract the best and brightest teachers into our lowest-performing schools," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell.

Those efforts included cash incentives for nationally certified teachers and gifted new teachers who agreed to teach in low-performing schools.

In Oakland last year, state-appointed administrator Randolph Ward turned staffing budgets over to school principals.

"This allows schools that have historically had very junior teachers, who earn salaries far less than the district's average, to gain additional funds and use those towards improving their instructional program," Ward said.

In Los Angeles, the ratio is actually reversed for schools serving the most impoverished students. Their teachers earn $1,142 more, because the district actively recruits experienced teachers for those schools.

For all its statistics, the Education Trust report prompts more questions than it answers, Ali acknowledged. "These (figures) are very idiosyncratic," she said.

The Ed Trust statistics are most useful in evaluating large and very diverse districts, , said Ali said, but more data is needed on budgeting and personnel practices, and Ed Trust did not correlate teacher pay with student achievement.

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If you're not an experienced hiker, don't worry. Hikes for all levels of ability are included in the Trails Challenge and Marathon. Challenge trails in West Contra Costa County include a flat, easy two-mile stroll at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond; another easy four-mile walk on the Bay Trail at Pt. Pinole; and a four-mile ridge ramble at Briones Regional Park near Orinda. The longest hike on the Challenge list is an 11-miler at Wildcat Canyon in Richmond. Several of the hikes are wheelchair accessible.

In the program's 10 years, thousands of people have taken up the Trails Challenge, almost 2,000 last year alone. It's a great incentive for families to get out for some fresh air, exercise and beautiful scenery.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS: Several unique programs are scheduled in coming weeks at the Environmental Education Center in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley.

"Glorious Mud" will take place 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Geared for ages 7-11, it's an opportunity for youngsters to explore the park's soggy ground in search of animal tracks.

Then from 2 to 4 p.m. the same day, naturalist Alan Kaplan will lead a walk during which participants will draw inspiration from nature to compose poetry in two Japanese-inspired styles: haiku and renga.

Both programs are free. For details, phone the Environmental Education Center at 510-525-2233.

Tilden naturalist Linda Yemoto is offering a two-program series for youngsters from February through April. Her Tilden Tots group is for 3- and 4-year-olds, each accompanied by an adult. Tilden Explorers is geared for ages 5-7, also with an adult (no younger siblings, please). The programs consist of age-appropriate nature adventures with a craft and snack included.

Registration is required for either program, and the cost is $6 per person ($8 for nondistrict residents). For details, phone the park district reservations department at 510-636-1684.

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Garage

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connect the Ohlone Greenway to the east and the restored Cerrito Creek Greenway to the west.

That would provide 46,285 square feet of shared open space and landscaping, nearly double city requirements, according to a city report.

Contra Costa County voters approved Measure C, a half-cent sales tax for transportation projects, in 1988.

In January, 2003, the city signed a memorandum of understanding with developer Forest Plaza Partners LLC to build the garage, using $6.7 million in Measure C money allocated by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

Forest Plaza also wants to build the condominium development in conjunction with the parking garage.

The development prompted the creation of the ad hoc neighborhood group Plaza Neighbors, whose members oppose the garage and housing development based partly on noise, traffic and pollution concerns.

On Jan. 17 the Albany City Council voted to initiate a months-long process to amend its general plan for the possibility of closing off the four streets that would lead from that city to the development — Evelyn, Talbot, Cornell and Kains avenues.

On Jan. 28, a committee was set up to advise the Contra Costa Transportation Authority to identify alternatives to the project if it fails to move forward.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, the El Cerrito design review board criticized the proposal and recommended to the city's planning commission that it not be considered under the city's incentives program. That program allows zoning exceptions in exchange for projects that enhance the city's quality of life and implement general plan goals.

According to a city report, the desirable features in the project include:

■ Providing additional parking for other uses in the area.

■ Preserving a creek and providing useable open space or landscaped areas at least 25 percent greater than minimum requirements.

■ Providing development that promotes the El Cerrito Plaza BART station as a focal point and locates housing near shopping, employment or transportation centers to reduce reliance on cars.

Members of the design review board, however, said the housing was too tall and did not fit in with the neighborhood, and the parking garage design was even less impressive.

"I don't see anything in the parking garage that raises this above a pedestrian — in the pejorative sense — parking garage," said board member Geoffrey Nelson.

"The benefits have to outweigh the negatives," Nelson added, regarding the housing development, which has been dubbed "Creekside" at El Cerrito Plaza. "You can't have a real dog of a project to save the creek."

"This is a fairly standard site that could be used in other ways," said board chairman Steve Price.

Several residents gave the familiar litany of complaints about the development, saying it was out of scale with the neighborhood, would increase traffic and block views. The pool would not used by they contended.

Two others said pleased with the cision, including resi jares, who said the Costa chapter of the favors the project.

At one point, the cision to vote agai mending the projec city's incentives pro sustained applause or so residents in the

The planning com consider approving t ment as early as April planning manager Jo man said. However others expect it to b to the City Council.

"It's clear we're go to keep working wit munity to make the possible," said Ea spokesman for deve Plaza Partners LLC meeting. "We still h way to go."

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Funding

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C county sales tax money be spent on 49 parking spaces at the Richmond Transit Village parking structure, 200 new parking spaces at the Hercules Transit Center Relocation and new parking at a transit village at the Del Norte BART station.

"It's very important to have the money used for a project built in the same spirit of the measure," said Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, one of the subcommittee members.

The recommendation follows opposition from neighbors, the El Cerrito design review board and Albany city officials to the proposal to build a BART parking garage funded by $6.7 million in Measure C money, as well as an adjacent condominium development on the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza.

Contra Costa County voters approved Measure C, a half-cent sales tax for transportation projects, in 1988. The agency in charge of allocating that money has asked for alternatives to the El Cerrito Plaza, prompting the creation of the WCCTAC subcommittee.

"I think it's becoming clearer and clearer that the Plaza garage is not going forward as planned, so I would like to look at alternatives," said resident Sarah Stone.

For discussion purposes, WCCTAC staff estimated the cost for the three recommended projects as follows: $3 million for the Richmond parking structure; $1 million for Hercules; and $2 million for Del Norte.

The city has $250,000 on an impact report for garage and condom opment, said El Cerr ager Scott Hanin.

He said it is likely posal could be subm summer for a transit prised of housing, tail uses at the Del station.

"Del Norte is goin and move quickly," he

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...e mortgage broker's current ...for the report is between $15 ...50 and that includes the three ...bureau scores. Married cou-ples are charged as a single report, unmarried borrowers are charged individually.

That simplification doesn't mean they are any easier to understand, however. Most reports provided to our industry break the report into five parts.

Borrower's information summary: Name, address, birth date, social security number, date ordered, credit repositories ordered and price of the report.

Scores by repository: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The credit scores are determined by a number of factors for each credit bureaus scoring models. This includes how many credit lines do you have opened, how long have the lines been opened (they want at least four credit lines seasoned — opened — for at least 24 months). The report also has the proportion of balances to the high balance (they don't want to see you maxing out your credit cards), how you paid your credit lines, the number of recent delinquencies and amounts owed on delinquent accounts.

There are about 50 to 60 factors in establishing the individual credit score, which can range from 300 to 840. Anything over 720 is considered superior and less than 620 is sub-prime.

Borrower's credit/trade summary: It should be noted that often the credit/trade summary follows the report by account). The credit summary will group the borrower(s) credit by types of trades (credit lines). It starts with mortgage, auto, education/student loan, other installment, open consumer accounts (such as American Express and gasoline credit cards which are paid off monthly. Then it reports revolving credit cards and other (such as collection accounts not tied to a credit card). This list is also an indication of priority ratings, with your mortgage accounts first and consumer credit last when it comes to determining your credit scores.

The summary then looks at your history like a snapshot. It shows your current total balances, total available high credit, current total payments and total past due and then divides it into secured debt and unsecured debt.

It should be noted here that the credit history timeline focuses on the last 12 months first, then the last 24 months then the past seven to 10 years when determining how a derogatory account will affect your credit scores.

So that a 30-day late auto payment reported with in a few months of the report will have much more impact than a 90-day late auto payment that was reported four years ago.

Borrower's credit lines: The fourth part includes the borrowers' credit lines by account number usually in this order:

- Open/active accounts
- Closed accounts
- Derogatory Accounts (with the number of 30, 60 and 90+ day late payments and when the last late payment occurred, collection accounts filed, and any current past due payments).
- Public records reveal any judgments, federal, state, county and city tax liens, bankruptcy and foreclosure filings. Finally, the report shows all the credit inquiries (new credit applications) the borrower requested in the last 90 days.



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

Final security filter: Most credit reports also have a final security filter, most commonly called a "Hawk Alert" that checks for identity-theft issues such as: credit applied with a different address than that submitted to the credit reporting service, stolen credit cards reported by the borrower, social security numbers inverted and/or incorrect. It also checks for current address or surname mismatch.

Basically, the filter is searching for anything out of the ordinary or information not given such as a birth date.

At the end of the report, every creditor listed must provide an address (telephone numbers are not required but most creditors do provide them or list by mail only) so that the borrower can dispute any and all inaccuracies-and often increase their credit scores substantially.

It can make all the difference in this world of Mortgage Madness.

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Get an inspection before you buy

BY MARSHALL LOEB
MARKETWATCH

NEW YORK - If you're buying a home, it's important to know the ins and outs of home inspection.

It's an analysis of the home's structural features and systems, such as water, gas and electric. The purpose is to find any structural defects, broken or obsolete systems, damage or wear and tear — before you assume ownership of the house or possession of the apartment.

In fact, nearly every real estate agent will recommend that a home inspection be conducted as part of your purchase contract, says the American Society of Home Inspectors.

In the new book, "1001 Tips for Buying and Selling a Home," author Mark Nash outlines what inspectors look for. Here are the keys for conducting a successful home inspection:

- Hire an inspector who has a state license for home inspection and is a member of the American Association of Home Inspectors.
- Understand that an inspector conducts a general survey — he or she may be an expert in some areas, but not in all.
- If possible, ask to make the tour with the inspector. You can ask him or her any questions you have. The inspector can also point out key features such as the gas- and water-cutoff valves.
- Learn what the inspector will be examining. Typically, he or she will look at features including fireplaces, foundations, roofs, siding, gutters, porches, chimneys, windows, doors, hot water heaters, pools and interior and exterior walls. The inspector will also look at mechanical systems including the plumbing, heating and air conditioning and electricity.
- Use the tour to check for things that will fit your needs. For example, when the inspector examines the plumbing, make sure the water pressure is adequate. When he checks the electrical system, ask if the energy flow will be sufficient for your various appliances.
- If the inspector does find problems in the home, you can submit the report to the seller with a request for repairs and replacements.

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One of the grantees, Oakland's Cantare Con Vivo, a volunteer chorus of Oakland middle school students, livened the evening with a spirited performance for the assembled group.

Red Oak Realty has given grants since 1985. Originally funded by Red Oak Realty agents and matching grants from the company, ROOF was born out of a desire to give back to the communities Red Oak serves. T

oday, ROOF contributions come not only from the agents and the company, but from matching donations by clients, friends, and business associates as well. In past years, ROOF has donated more than $400,000 to deserving homeless, educational, and other local organizations which do not receive significant funding from other sources.

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Rag (and round) rug rescue and re

Number 483 in a series of true experiences in real estate

I was checking a client's basement to see if recent rains had invaded when I noticed in a corner on the concrete floor something made of brown cloth. It turned out to be a handmade braided rug, jumbled up, mostly brown wool but with some red and some green in it, too.

Back upstairs, I asked the client what the disposition of the rag rug was to be. "Charity," she said. "Do you want it?" I did. I retrieved the rug and was carrying it to the door when the seller offered that she had another, made by her grandmother, maybe I'd like it, too.

When I got them home, I laid them out and found that I had an oval rug, fairly large, with lots of places where the thread was coming undone, and a smaller round rug, this one in reds and blues and a border in black. The edges of the round rug lie down, but the center pooches up like the crown of a hat, giving it the look of a sombrero.

Long ago I had a round braided rug given to me by my mother. She'd made it during her college days, cut wool from well-worn or outgrown suits and coats into strips, then braided and sewed them together.

I never used the rug, and after a bunch of years, I gave it away only to be later stricken with guilt. Not that I suddenly had found a use for my mother's rug, but I felt I should have kept it. She had after all made it and it must have taken a long time to do.

I remember my mom telling me that if rugs aren't stitched right in the first place so that they lie flat, it's hopeless, they never will. So I didn't have much belief that the little one was fixable, nor did I have any confidence in my ability to make sewing repairs to the brown one.

What I needed, I decided, was someone old enough to remember making rugs like these. My friend Jacqueline Ikeda works at Piedmont Gardens, a retirement home in Oakland, a place where I thought I might make a good contact.

Jacqueline thought so, too. She suggested that I go to a weekly gathering at Piedmont Gardens of residents who knit, quilt, and do crafts. So, early one Saturday morning, carrying my rugs with me in a shopping bag, I did go, where I was directed to the fifth floor lounge.

Only a few women were there at first. They sat on the sides of the room (two had little dogs with them) and when settled, took out their needles and yarn and quietly began to knit. It felt friendly and peaceful, quite nice in the room.

I walked around for a few minutes trying to figure out who to talk to, and as I did, other women arrived, some sitting at tables in the center of the room, taking from bags squares of fabric. I spotted a woman who seemed to be in charge, approached and told her my name and mission, and as I was doing this, another women overhearing the words "rag rugs" raised her hand.

Edythe Campodonico looked at the rugs in my bag and led me over to a table where we spread out the larger one. Edythe told me that she has made rag rugs in past years but she currently works on quilts. She has a number of children, most of whom sew. There didn't seem to be any question in Edythe's mind that I could make the repairs.

She gestured with her hands to show me how I should keep the rug flat as I sewed between the braids. And she sorted through a number of bags of threads until she found the color and type of thread she thought I should use.

As to the round rug, Edythe told me that it would never be flat. Steaming, pressing, heavy weights would not help. She suggested ripping out the center braids, the ones sticking up, then try to re-sew them flat.

It might not work but, she pointed out "It's worth a try. You can't use the rug as it is anyway."



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Market booms, students take real estate as c

BY ANGELA SHAH
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

The hyperactive U.S. real estate market of recent years has often prompted economists to worry over a housing bubble — and when it might burst.

Banc of America Capital Management chief market strategist Joseph Quinlan sees a disturbing answer from an unlikely source: college students. Real estate is one of the hottest subjects on campuses these days.

"You might recall that in the late 1990s, in the midst of the stock market boom and dot-com bubble, classes in financial services and Internet-based studies soared around the country," he wrote in a research note Wednesday. "Even the noncynic might wonder if a similar result may be around the corner."

Some 60 colleges now offer real estate degrees, more than double t from a year ago, spurred by a housing boom fueled over the last three years by record-low interest rates.

At Texas A&M University, a vibrant real estate industry has spiked student interest in the school's master's program in land economics and real estate.

"Real estate has become a major investment medium and it takes much more sophisticated and much better-trained people i nance and economics" Etter, an A&M finance pr very much a Wall Stre well as a Main Street

The newfound popula estate studies has anch ing dimension for Quinla dents aren't studying Ha and engineering remain long-term economic s military strength, econo

Yet the percentage dergraduates majoring neering is the second l developed nations, co cent from its peak in 1

China, meanwhile, is three times as many scholars each year as the United States, C "Perhaps it doesn't ta degree to figure out could be gaining a edge," he wrote.

New realty office opens in Berkeley

CENTURY 21 BAYREALTOR GROUP

Ray Sharma announced the grand opening of his new real estate office, Century 21 BayRealtor Group. The office is located at 901 University Ave. in Berkeley at the corner of 7th Avenue just off of I-80 (University exit). The grand opening celebration will be Thursday, Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. For more information please call 510-444-SOLD or visit www.bayrealtor.com.

What's up with our asparagus plants?

BY BUZZ BERTOLERO
THE DIRT GARDENER

Q. Last year, we planted 36 asparagus plants. They are now quite tall and very feathery. I'm seeing asparagus in the markets now. What do I need to do to get a crop of asparagus? I'm expecting the feathery stalks to turn yellow and die back but it hasn't happened. A month ago, they had a lot of red berries which I just plucked off thinking it was probably draining the plant of energy.

A. Vegetable crops are grown and distributed worldwide. It's very common for a crop to be grown in one country, and then, with air-freight, sold in another. The asparagus that is now in the markets is coming from the southern hemisphere where it's harvest time. The primary growing area for asparagus in the Bay Area is the Delta. It's available February through April.

Your plants are not mature enough to harvest this year. After the third growing season, you should harvest asparagus for a good month. They reach their peak after the fifth growing season. The

See BUZZ, Page B5



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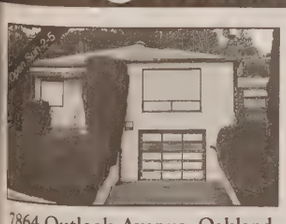


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Carmel-by-the-Sea: My kind of town

BY ANNE CHALFANT
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. - The dollhouse village of Carmel-by-the-Sea leaves its mark on visitors.

They just want to live here.

It's understandable. Carmel wraps itself around the concept of cozy, with cottages right from the pages of children's storybooks. Monterey pines bend into shapes like gnarled woodland creatures inhabiting quiet streets. Shopping in the village is more like treasure hunting, with shops and art galleries inviting viewers to gaze and admire, perhaps to check a price tag — but perhaps not.

Plus, Carmel boasts one of California's most beautiful beaches, a crescent of the softest sand showing off a sea of aquamarine.

No wonder people fantasize about moving here.

Until they stop at one of the Realtors' windows that show off the goods: Why, look at that — a two-bedroom fixer-upper costs a whopping $1.8 million. And it's nowhere near the beach.

Carmel's storybook cottages may look simple and sleepy, but simple as in the clean lines of Sub-Zero refrigerators and sleepy like a fox in a hole. Carmel is a sort of Weeble village protection program for the rich and famous.

Should you doubt the proclivities of the residents of this deceptively unassuming town, check it out: Ron's Liquor store on San Carlos offers beer and beef jerky, right next to the Robb Report for the Leisure Lifestyle and the Wall Street Journal.

No cozy cottage for me, but anyone can dream. And after a summertime stop in Carmel, I spent several days mooning over real estate Internet sites, eyeing cottages with price tags like lottery winnings. I could picture my idealife, living the writer's dream in my cozy hideout in this misty setting, the kind of place where writers ooze with inspiration — in between contemplative strolls on the beach and refueling synapses in coffee shops.

As I was doodling and dreaming over the offerings, I suddenly came upon an alternative I could afford: a Carmelvacation rental. For a three-day stay, I could live the village life without paying the price. All kinds of rentals are available — near the beach, big and small, for prices you can pay and prices you cannot.

I found mine — a studio hideaway for $130 a night. It was as cute as a bug, with a fireplace and tiny kitchen, bookshelves full of books and a DVD player.

A few weeks later, there I was in Carmel, parking in my own driveway, shopping for groceries to stock my little refrigerator.

For three days in October I lived la vida loca, choosing October since tourists have dwindled then, and so has the fog that hangs heavier in the summertime.

Of course, I had to create a persuasive local look for myself. I ditched my jeans and tried to look like somebody

who really is somebody who is trying not to look like anybody in particular. "Bank Vault Casual" was the dress code I adopted — you know, slacks and a sweater set so I could both stop at the bank to pick up my diamonds for my upcoming cruise, but also head on down Ocean Avenue for my daily walk on the beach.

My Carmel look would have been complete if I had some sort of pedigreed dog leashed to my wrist — a teacup poodle, perhaps. Dogs are the ultimate Carmel accessory. One couple strolled handsomely by with his-and-her great Danes. The dog-accessorized are welcomed at restaurants with outdoor dining, and Carmel's beach is a-romp with pooches fetching everything from Frisbees to driftwood.

Much of my visit was spent prowling my "new town," checking it out as though I intended to live here.

I stocked my tiny studio kitchen with groceries from Neilson Bros. Market and Deli at 7th and San Carlos. There was plenty to choose from — canned goods, deli sandwiches, pasta, enchiladas.

On this trip to Carmel, I wanted to avoid restaurants. It takes a lot of time to eat out - time I wanted for exploring my new digs.

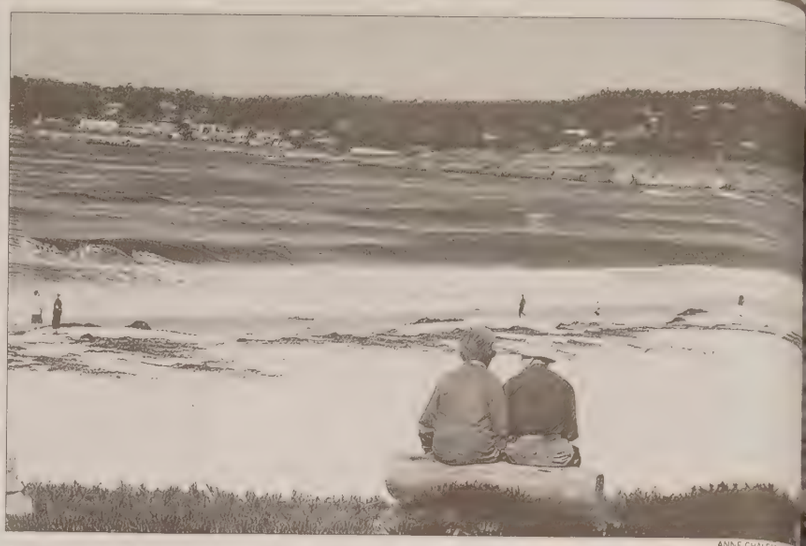
Part of Carmel's charm is its walkability, and the pedestrian rules the road. Cars crawl at a respectful pace. And you have to walk to see the curlicue trees and cottages with million-dollar curb appeal - which, by the way, intentionally have no addresses, shielding their owners' privacy.

Stores in the heart of the village ooze with goodies and galleries galore. Just another peek at the deep pockets in this "quaint" village —quaint being a quaint term for a town that sports 80 galleries, some housing important art like the Picassos at the Hanson Gallery. When I was there, they showed a very rare Picasso copper plate and matching print grouping. Then there were the Peter Max and David Hockney paintings upstairs.

The staff at Hanson Gallery were happy to detail the works for me, so I decided my Bank Vault Casual had passed the test.

But I wasn't shopping for art in Carmel, and I wasn't shopping for clothes, either. Designer fashions are the show here, although the savvy gal can find pretty good bargain purses at Coach of Carmel's leather outlet store.

But shopping was not really my mission. My only purchase was a Norah Jones jazz CD, acquired when I stumbled into the KRML radio station between 5th and 6th on San Carlos. Very cool, with the station set up in the front window.



ANNE CHALFAN...

CARMEL BEACH IS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S PRETTIEST BEACHES, and Carmel-by-the -Sea is one of the most desirable ... live in California.

I was impressed by the small stage inside the store, a performance stage where $45 buys a ticket for intimate jazz.

KRML is a Clint Eastwood venture, the call letters a throwback to his movie "Play Misty for Me," in which he plays a DJ stalked by a caller.

In establishing my haunts as a local, I, of course, had to check out the library. With its mission-style architecture, Carmel's library is as welcoming as they get, with a sunny reading room for some pleasant browsing.

The library stop was on the way down Ocean Avenue to the beach. I took off my shoes for a free pedicure from the soft sand and walked a long way on the wide beach. The water is too cold for a dip, and the surf dangerous, but the waves have the most perfect curl, rolling over in a thin sheet forming an aqua chute — perfect in the instant before it breaks.

Next time, I'll plan a picnic on the beach. Fifth Avenue Deli between Dolores and San Carlos offers picnics starting at $9.95 and, oh, wouldn't this be fun - a lovers' basket — complete with wine glasses and loaner basket for $49.95.

More time on the beach, less in restaurants. That's how we locals plan our lives in Carmel.

Carmel has some fine restaurants, but tourist town that it is, it also has restaurants with cute names and settings that get away with serving half-rate food. During my summer trip I found both good and bad, so this time I ate most meals in my hideaway. One was a great take-out burger-and-fries dinner from r.g. Burgers in the Crossroads shopping center, across Highway 1 from the village.

Nor was I able to shake off the call of the banana pecan pancakes at the Village Corner at 6th and Dolores. The pecans are fresh and pancakes are yummy, plus it's a friendly kind of place, where people speak to one another.

Actually, that's a general charm in the town. People talk to you. This is Small-Town-USA, after all — there just happen to be a beach and multimillion-dollar postage-stamp lawns instead of cornfields.

"What are you looking for?" a man asked as I walked along with that looking-for-something expression. He had thought I was searching for famous resident Clint Eastwood's Hog's Breath Inn, which was nearby, between 5th and 6th on San Carlos.

No, I wasn't. That stop is for the tourists. This trip I was playing a local, looking for a coffee shop hang out where I could read my newspaper.

IF YOU GO

Shopping for the rest of

■ Coach of Carmel, Ocean & San Carlos, NE Corner, 831-626-1777. Although it's a small shop, not an outlet, there are bargains to be found here.

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■ Nielsen Bros. Market and Deli, 7th and San Carlos. Pick up canned goods, deli meats, sandwiches and pasta for your fridge.

Carmel lodging

When you stay in downtown Carmel, remember that this town was established at the turn of the century, and a lot of the properties have been around awhile. Stay in the village, and likely you'll find yourself in a 1950s-style motel that has been remodeled. You'll pay plenty, but "posh" is not the word that comes to mind. There are bed-and-breakfast inns that are fresh and cute, and if you want glam, the alternative is to stay outside the village at bigger, newer hotels such as Park Hyatt Carmel Highlands Inn, four miles south of Carmel.

■ The Carmel Tradewinds Inn, featured in November's Architectural Digest, is a notable exception within the village. It is indeed a 1950s motel, recently remodeled by owner Susan Stilwell to honor her father's original concept, an inn reflecting the tranquillity he observed in Japanese design. The two-story inn has its 1950's vestiges — boxy structure with a line of doors all the way down the outdoor walkways, upstairs and down. But there is a meditation garden with temple bamboo and birds of par-

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...You cut the asparagus as soon ...the tip of the spear is visible at ...e soil. The loose-mounded soil ...ll make it easy to cut nice long ...pears. I'd use potting soil, home-...ade compost or any other organic ...aterial to raise the height six to eight ...ches.

...Fertilizing with Dr. Earth Veg-...ble Food at the rate of 1 to 3 ...unds per 50 linear feet in Janu-...y and again after the harvesting ...ason will encourage heavy ...owth and thick spears. Also, it is ...so necessary to remove the berries ...ch year.

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Q. I have several Mexican palm trees that have almost reached the point I'd like to keep them at. What can I do to maintain the desired height? I really don't want them to grow too tall.

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FROM PAGE B5

fronds die naturally to form their distinctive trunks. The plants will die if you remove the central growing point. There is little one can do to curb or stop this development. At some point, they will out grow the desired height.

Q. The leaves on my flowering plum tree are covered with a black soot. This has never happened before so I'm puzzled by it. What's the problem and how can I prevent it from reoccurring?

A. The black sooty mold is a fungus that grows on the honeydew produced from sucking insects. The honeydew is a clear and sometimes sticky substance created while the insects feed on plants. It coats the foliage and everything else below where the insects are feeding. Aphids, mealybugs and mites all produce honeydew but I think scale is your problem. There are many different types of Scale insects, but I believe you have Kuno Scale. Kuno Scale attacks flowering and fruiting plums as well as Pyracanthas, Crabapples, and Citrus.

The adult Kuno Scale is a large, dark maroon or burgundy round pea or pearl like structure that attaches itself to the stems and branches. They easily blend with dark colored bark and go undetected. In the spring, you will notice white streaks on the stems and/or branches. These are the juvenile scale that mature into the adults during the summer. This year the black sooty mold will disappear from the leaves when the tree goes dormant and the leaves drop off.

You can prevent it from reappearing next year by killing the Kuno Scale. Right now, I would spray the tree with Horticultural Oil and follow up during December and January with a Dormant Spray. The dead scale will not fall off the tree. You can tell if they are dead or alive by puncturing several of them. The dead scale should crumble. Also, any fruit the black sooty mold covers is edible; just wash it off.

Q. We have decided to put our house on the market. Our real estate agent wants us to add some tall shrubs, four to six feet tall along a new back fence. We will probably need five to ten plants at most. Where does one go to find larger plants?

A. While the suggestion sounds sensible, the reality is its not very practical. There is a limited or no availability of large shrubs at urban garden center s and nurseries in the Bay Area. You'll need to locate a nursery that grows their own plants and sells them to the public. The Yellow Pages of the phone book are a good reference source. You should use the library for the phone books out of your immediate area. Here are some of the issues with large landscape shrubs. Depending on the variety, a mature shrub takes many growing seasons to develop plus they occupy a lot of space. Today, it doesn't make economic sense to grow a long-term crop on speculation when dollars per square foot are so critical. From a consumer prospective, there is a transportation issue. Usually, there is no delivery service so you will need a truck to haul them. They are too big to fit in most vehicles. Next, you will need to hire someone to plant them and finally, they are pricey.

Q. Lily bulbs are featured in many of my fall gardening catalogs but I find none at the local nursery. I was told they are not available until February. Can you clear up this contradiction? Also, if I purchased Lily bulbs now, wouldn't they dry out by next spring?

A. I'm going to make an educated guess, but I believe it's a marketing issue. Tulips, Daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs have strong appeal with all gardeners while the summer flowering bulbs appeal to a smaller group. Catalogs do include non-spring flowering bulbs and gardening accessories as they look to build larger orders. They are designed to sell the sizzle. Many catalogs will feature Lily of the Nile (Agapanthus) and Daylilies but these are available to Bay Area gardeners in containers most of the year. Independent garden centers will carry Amaryllis bulbs.

In February, you will find the Hybrid, Asiatic, Oriental and other large flowered specialty lilies. Catalogs will take orders now and ship later. Lilies go dormant long after the spring flowering bulbs. I'd check the small print for shipping information.

Whenever they arrive, it's unlikely that these bulbs will dehydrate when stored in a garage, storage shed or basement. I'd leave the shipping box open for good air circulation. The bulb packages should have breathing holes. If not, open the bags so the moisture is released. This prevents the bulbs from getting soft and mushy.

Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is www.dirtgardener.com and you can send questions by email at dirtgarden@aol.com or to 360 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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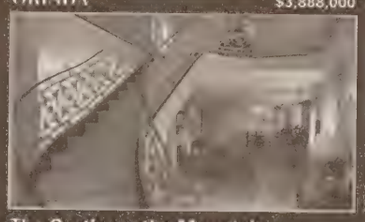
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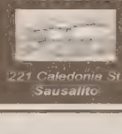
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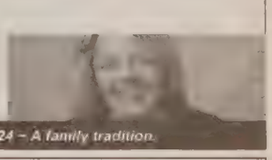
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Wanted: Replacement windows for a historic home

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Q: I have to get the township's approval for windows. They will not approve vinyl replacement windows. It makes no sense to replace these old, drafty windows if I can't use thermally efficient windows. The building is uncomfortable during the winter, and in the summer it costs a small fortune to keep cool.

I have aluminum storm windows on the outside, but they, too, are worn and sloppy.

Do you know of replacement windows that historic district commissions can like that will perform well for the owner, or does it make sense to keep these windows but have someone repair them?

A: There are a lot of high-performance wood windows on the market that satisfy local historic commissions. Andersen, Pella, WeatherShield and Marvin have products that will meet your needs.

For example, when Philadelphia developer turned Realtor Mark Wade tackled the modelRemodel house for the 1999 Remodelers Show on South Fourth Street, he found that the original windows were no good, but that the frames and trim merely had to be stripped and repainted.

"WeatherShield ... supplied the 17 windows, which fit perfectly in the openings and allowed us to keep the look of a 19th-century house," he said.

The glass was insulated, and the windows, which fit tightly into those frames, were energy-efficient.

Such windows, however, are expensive. I don't know what your requirements are, how big the openings are, and the age and style of your house, so I couldn't begin to talk about cost, which should include installation.

Of course, there are ways to make the existing windows as energy-efficient as possible. In fact, preservationists urge that you try to restore before you replace.

That's what I did in my former house, which was built in 1904. It wasn't in a historic district, but I had more time than money, so I opted for restoration.

There were 31 double-hung windows. Each had to be completely and safely stripped of what fortunately passed the test and wasn't lead-based paint. The old glass was removed, and new glass cut at the hardware store and then puttied in. The frames were also stripped, and new window stops were added.

I had easy access to the weight pocket where the sash cords and weights for the windows were situated. I replaced the ropes with chains, and then carefully placed some fiberglass insulation in the pockets so it wouldn't interfere with the operation of the windows. I closed up the pockets, caulked where necessary, repainted, and reinstalled.

Each window had an aluminum storm, which did little more than reduce the amount of wind shaking the double-hungs in their frames.

Each window took me three to five days to renovate. Over 14 years, that doesn't mean all that much, but add to it the effort of trying to repair and improve a house that always fought me, and you know why I have a lot of gray hair.

We often blame the windows themselves for our energy problems, but much of the heat is lost in the space around the windows.

Hap Haven, president of SunHaven Solar, a company that provides energy audits, said that cold air can find its way in through the gap where the bottom edge of a windowsill meets the wall, and that a little dab of caulk will fix it.

So it might be wise to look at whatever you decide on the windows within the context of the entire house.As you decide, consider these guidelines from the National Park Service:

■ Try to understand the contribution of the windows to the appearance of the facade, including:
- The pattern of the openings and their size
- The frame and sash proportions
- The pane's configuration
- Muntin profiles
- The type of wood
- Paint color
- Characteristics of the glass
- Associated details such as arched tops, hoods or other decorative elements.

■ Develop an understanding of how the window reflects the period, style, or regional characteristics of the building, or represents technological development.

■ Armed with an awareness of the significance of the existing window, begin to search for a replacement that retains as much of the character of the historic window as possible.

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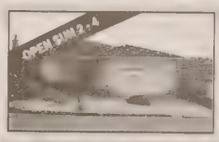
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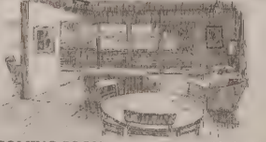


4818 WALNUT STREET $429,000
Maxwell Park. New Listing. Unique 2bd/1ba designed by owner/artist! Living & dining room w/built-in cabinets, hdwd floors, remodeled eat-in kitchen & baths, basement for storage, sunny deck & level yard.
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



901 HILLDALE AVENUE $1,450,000
Berkeley. View home in Berkeley hills close to Solano. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, new construction, great creative finishes, bamboo floors, craftsman style windows, lots of light, cathedral ceilings and more.
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801 Broadway 5 - $375,000
[illegible] Broadway - $385,000
[illegible] Clinton Av - $545,000
[illegible] Jack London Av - $843,500
960 Mangrove Ln - $602,000
812 Mulberry St - $648,000
1164 Old Alameda Pt - $703,000
[illegible] Washington - $471,000

ANY
[illegible] Pierce St 1524 - $300,000
[illegible] San Carlos Av - $815,000

KELEY
2 4th Pl - $3,000,000
[illegible] Derby St - $457,000
[illegible] Dwight Wy - $435,000
[illegible] Fulton St - $1,250,000
[illegible] Grant St - $757,500
[illegible] Grizzly Peak - $1,577,000
[illegible] Hearst Av - $720,000
29 Hill Rd - $900,000
181 Hillcrest - $1,700,000
1230 Josephine St - $650,000
1630 Kains Av - $440,000
3134 Mabel St - $394,500
2634 Virginia St - $450,000

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1002 Everett St - $507,500
2005 Harper St - $575,000
7423 Moeser Ln - $649,000
5508 Poinsett Av - $575,000

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4669 Canyon Rd - $380,000
1054 Mitchell Wy - $340,000
5470 SP Dam Rd - $590,000
335 Shirley Vista St - $480,000

EMERYVILLE
3 Admiral F359 - $279,000
3 C'odore B353 - $300,000
6 Commodore - $185,000
1258 Ocean Av - $475,000

OAKLAND
1001 102nd Av - $350,000
1043 21st St - $102,000
838 22nd St - $305,000
663 24th St - $407,000
2040 27th Av - $332,000
2047 27th Av - $445,000
425 28th 205B - $480,000
722 30th St - $495,000
1503 32nd St - $550,000
843 32nd St - $417,000
864 33rd St - $300,000
2868 38th Av 2 - $215,000
2868 38th Av 6 - $272,000
1836 39th Av - $147,500
1617 41st Av - $435,000
754 41st St - $385,000
372 45th St - $535,500
844 45th St - $460,000
757 47th St - $411,000
994 54th St - $370,000
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OAKLAND $ 580,000

5 - UNITS
* Great Investment Opportunity. Beautiful 5-plex
* 2-unit Front building w/2-1BD units. 3-unit building in rear w/2-1BD & 1-2BD
* Updated Kitchens and Bathrooms
* Potential for more income at market rents
OAKLAND - NEW LISTING - $ 675,000

6 - UNITS
Near Whole Foods. Close to U.C. Berkeley & Ashby BART. Two Building Combination 2- unit Front building w/2-3BD flats 4 unit building in rear w/ 2x 2BD & 2x 1BD units. Owner is very motivated CALL!
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Open Homes

Crocker Highlands $719,000
Enchanting English Tudor in very desirable neighborhood. Elegant original details include a fireplace in the living room & hardwood floors. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths PLUS home office. Formal dining room, large kitchen with breakfast nook, French doors open to the beautiful landscaped garden.
710 Paloma Ave. Open Sat/Sun 2-5
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Berkeley $560,000
Four-Plex in convenient location near Fourth Street shops & restaurants. Each unit designed for maximum use of space. Generous sized living rooms & bedrooms, kitchens with eating areas, ample closet space. Parking.
For more information call
2108-2110 8th St. Open Sun 2-4
Kathie Berg 527-2700x32

Berkeley $529,000
Light-filled 2 bedroom 1928 gem offers Old-World charm with a 2005 look! Sunny gourmet kitchen w/ cherry cabinets, 6-burner, 2-oven O'Keefe & Merritt stove, French doors to patio. Detached studio. Close to transportation, shopping, Café Trieste and parks.
1217 Ward St. Open Sun 2-4:30
Barbara Kaplan 559-2910

El Cerrito $494,000
Tasteful, well-located 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with inviting yard, garden and patio. Some kitchen updating, eat-in kitchen and separate dining room, fireplace and hardwood floors. Attached 1-car garage.
922 Richmond St. Open Sun 2-4
Joan Underwood 559-2911

Richmond N&E $300,000
Fire-damaged duplex. Two units both with one bedroom, one bath. Great commuting location near restaurants, shopping, BART, freeway, San Rafael Bridge.
500-510 42nd St. Open Sun 2-4
Té Everson 559-2926

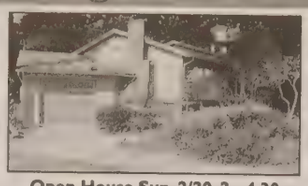
Berkeley $419,000
Unique house-like condo in beautiful 2-unit brown shingle. Fantastic location minutes to BART, Berkeley Bowl, UC. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1080 sq. ft. Coved ceiling, formal entry, hardwood floors, fireplace, dining area in living room. Updated eat-in kitchen.
2608 Milvia St. Open Sun 1:30-4:30
Melissa Eizenberg 292-3055

Oakland $388,000
Stunning 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on quiet tree-lined cul-de-sac leading into Brookdale Park. Fresh paint inside and out, refinished hardwood floors, spacious yard. In move-in condition!
3941 Nevil St. Open Sun 2-4
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Open House Sun, 2/20, 2 - 4:30
3000 Davis St. $449,000
2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Sophisticated remodel of a charming bungalow in the Fruitvale District. End of cul-de-sac, remodeled kitchen, vaulted ceilings, sylvan creek-side setting. Don't miss this gem!



Open House Sun, 2/20, 2 - 4:30
3649 Shone Ave. $499,000
2+ bedrooms, 2 baths. A beautiful Millsmont home. Pretty hardwood floors throughout, nice hill views. Detached two car garage, nice outdoor spaces. Newly painted, in move-in condition. Don't miss this home!

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Sunday 2-4:30 **$1,175,000**
6455 Snake, Oakland. 3+BR/3+BA Montclair home with extraordinary SF views plus legal 1BR in-law.
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Sunday 2-5 **$675,000**
918 Underhills Rd., Oakland. Charming 3BR/1BA, lovely formal rooms, remodeled kitchen.
Dolores Thorn (510) 834-2010



Sunday 2-4:30 **$625,000**
1347 La Loma, Berkeley. 4BD/2BA chalet w/bay views across from park. Fabulous potential.
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Sunday 2-5
2644 Parker, Berkeley. Adorable 19
on popular Elmwood Street. 2BR/1B
Jay Lean (510)

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Sunday 2-4:30 **$2,395,000**
5895 Grizzly Peak. Spectacular 4BR/3.5BA. Cutting edge new one of a kind construction.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$1,249,000**
801 Northvale. Wonderful, renovated 4BR/3.5BA Crocker Highlands Tudor.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$645,000**
330 Clifton. 2+BR/1+BA Rockridge bungalow.
Leo Rachal (510) 845-0211

Sunday 2-4 **$550,000**
4646 Reinhardt. Sweet 3+BR/2BA w/canyon & bay views. DR, fireplace.
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Sunday -4:30 **$520,000**
4515 Manila. Temescal 2BR/1BA Craftsman w/oak floors. Move-in condition.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$515,000**
2851 Modesto. Maxwell Park 2BR/2BA w/view, level living, updated kitchen.
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3649 Shone. Great, sunny 2+BR/2BA home in move-in condition. Wow!
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Sunday 2-4 **$475,000**
7114 Greenly. 3BR/1BA. Nice home, large backyard.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **$449,000**
3000 Davis. Beautiful remodeled 2BR/1BA home on cul-de-sac.
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Sunday 1-4 **$400,000**
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Sunday 1-5 **$249,000**
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Sunday 2-5 **$499,000**
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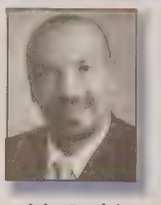


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510 63rd St - $425,000
1122 65th St - $1,025,000
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9226 C St - $335,000
180 Caldecott 307 - $377,000
700 Canyon Oaks F - $305,000
466 Capistrano Dr - $333,000
668 Catron Dr - $355,000
2355 Church St - $320,000
1939 Clemens Rd - $750,000
6001 Contra Costa - $1,355,000
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1099 Farmstead - $545,000
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114 Indian Road, Piedmont
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This spacious home is situated on a quiet cul-de-sac and offers beauti hill views in a private setting. Recently remodeled, it provides a conve nient floor plan with five bedrooms, three baths, and a fabulous kitche

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NEW MONTCLAIR LISTING!

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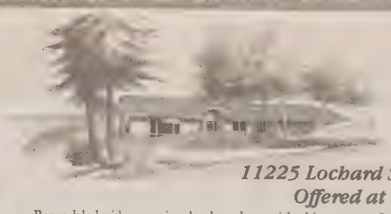
Stylish 12 year old Tra tional with Golden G and Bay views. Gre indoor/outdoor space Prime Montclair locatio 4 bedrooms, 3 baths

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11225 Lochard Street, Oaklan
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Remodeled with exceptional style and materials, this gorgeous 3+ bedroom, 2 bath hom located on approximately 1.6 acres (downslope lot) in the beautiful Chabot Park Higla area of the Oakland hills. It features an expansive South Bay view, extraordinary bathr remodels, master suite, updated kitchen, family room, formal dining room and in rumpus room. With its well-thought-out design, this home will thrill its new own

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Stunning, tri-level townhous features wooded views a a private flagstone patio, bedrooms and 2.5 baths in cludes large master suite wit designer master bath. It is th much sought-after comple of 22 elegant Mediterranean style townhouses surrounding a lovely water fountain Many upgrades!

4616 Redwood Road, Oakland
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Piedmont Avenue Charm! Fabu Craftsman Bungalow plus cottage ow new owners. Architectural details a tact! Hardwood floors, built-in cabinet, fireplace. Two bedro one bath up and one bedroo one bath down, plus one bedroom, one bath cottage. Huge yard

4237 Montgomery Street, Oakland
Offered at $650,000

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SOLD $469,000

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14391 OUTRIGGER DRIVE
2 bdrm/1 bath/two 1-car garages view of the 11th Fairway on Monarch Bay Golf Course. $390,000

14422 SEAGATE DRIVE
Two bdrm/1.5 bath two-story – townhouse-style. Beautiful bright end unit in great location.
PENDING $375,000

15639 ANCHORAGE AVE.
Bright, beautiful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home at Heron Bay.
SOLD $585,000

CASTRO VALLEY
4419 EWING RD.
GORGEOUS single level home in Parsons Estates.
SOLD $888,000

ALAMEDA
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Offered $375,000

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4117 D Penniman Ct., Maxwell Park
Adorable, updated 2 bdrm charmer on quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious & remodeled kit., designer colors, hardwood floors, french doors & decorative fireplace. Private backyard & charming patio. Detached Garage.
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New Listing in Piedmont





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9 Abbott Way, Piedmont
Offered at $1,475,000

Enjoy breathtaking, expansive views of San Francisco Bay from this stylish contemporary home with four-plus bedrooms and four baths. Quiet, private, beautiful setting at the end of a cul-de-sac.

New Montclair Listing

Open Saturday, February 19, 2-4:30pm
Open Sunday, February 20, 2-4:30pm





Teri Carlisle
510.338.1305

6550 Gwin Road, Oakland
Offered at $1,875,000

Dramatic custom contemporary in spectacular setting. Perfectly sited to capture the breathtaking top-of-the-world San Francisco Bay and serene hill views. This 4100+/- sq. ft. 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home is located at the end of a cul-de-sac on an approximately 40,000 sq. ft. lot. Wonderful outdoor spaces with an inviting front courtyard, decks and level grass yard and gardens.

Laurel District

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Diane E. McCan
510.338.1352

3281 Arizona Street, Oakland
Offered at $489,000

Adorable and sunny bungalow on serene cul-de-sac. Freshly painted interior and gleaming hardwood floors grace this warm and special home. Tastefully remodeled kitchen with Silestone counter tops and matching tile flooring. Remodeled bath with claw foot tub. Formal dining room, deck and charming bonus room in the rear garden. Level fenced yard. Wonderful curb appeal!

New Listing

Open Sunday, February 20, 2-4:30pm





Dee Knowland
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4400 St. Andrews Road, Oakland
Offered at $949,000

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Open Sunday 2:00-4:30

MONTCLAIR $1,875,000
6550 GWIN RD. (Open Sat. & Sun 2-4:30)
New Listing! Dramatic custom contemporary in spectacular setting. Located at the end of a cul-de-sac on an approx. 40,000 sq. ft. lot. Sparkling SF Bay & serene hill views. 5BR/4.5BA, 4100+/- sq. ft. Teri Carlisle x1305



PIEDMONT $1,585,000
204 HILLSIDE AVE.
Delightful 3BR/2.5BA Prairie style home. Sunny & spacious. Formal living room with fireplace, formal dining room with built-ins. Judith Tollas x1382 & Ashley O'Neill x1368

MONTCLAIR $1,050,000
7093 BROADWAY TERR.
New Listing! 12 year old sunny Traditional with Golden Gate Bridge and filtered bay views. Formal dining & living room. Kitchen/family room. Crown molding & hardwood floors. Patio, garden, deck. 4BR/3BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



PIEDMONT $799,000
125 RONADA AVE.
Gracious & charming 2+BR/2BA home built in 1945. Modern sunny kitchen w/island & granite counters. Hardwood floors. Master bedroom w/ fireplace. Beautifully landscaped yard w/ fruit trees. Convenient location. Kathy Flynn x1317



OAKLAND HILLS $724,999
4616 REDWOOD RD.
New Listing! Stunning, tri-level Mediterranean style townhouse. Wooded views & a secluded flagstone patio. 3BR/2.5BA including large master suite with designer master bath. Maple hardwood floors, formal dining, slate fireplace. Many upgrades. Roselie Woods x1324



PIEDMONT AVENUE $650,000
4237 MONTGOMERY ST.
Fabulous craftsman bungalow plus cottage. Architectural details intact! Hardwood floors, built-in china cabinet, fireplace. 3BR/1.5BA home & 1BR/1BA cottage. Joan Dark x1316



CROCKER HIGHLAND S $1,295,000
1141 CLARENDON CRSNT.
Stunning country English Traditional with 4+BR/2+BA plus separate guest house. Formal dining room, den, spacious eat-in kitchen, wonderful deck. Park-like setting. Jack Mohr x1310

SEQUOYAH HILLS $949,000
4400 ST. ANDREWS RD.
New Listing! Stunning 3 year old contemporary. 3BR/2.5BA, master suite with sitting room, 2 fireplaces. Spacious open floor plan with high ceilings. Corner lot with lovely vistas. Very special property! Dee Knowland x1318

BERKELEY $924,000
1 WHITAKER AVE. (Open 2-5)
Extensively remodeled in 2000, this North Berkeley hills jewel offers light-filled spaces, fine materials, and many bay & hillside views. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths including wonderful master retreat. Gini Erck x1339



OAKLAND HILLS $769,000
11225 LOCHARD ST. (Open 2-5)
New Listing! Sensational remodel. Expansive South Bay views in Chabot Park Highlands. Approx. 1.6 acre downslope lot. 3+BR/2 gorgeous bathrooms, updated kitchen, family room, large rumpus room & 2-car attached garage. Vicki Woodhead x1334



MONTCLAIR $695,000
6409 WESTOVER DR.
Beautiful sylvan outlook from this 4BR/2BA contemporary home. Open floor plan, updated kitchen and bath, refinished hardwood floors, breakfast room. Master suite with walk-in closet and fireplace. Michelle Miller x1335

REDWOOD HEIGHTS $595,000
4323 CARSON ST.
Wonderful & charming 2BR/1+BA home. Gracious, light interior spaces & a fantastic backyard & deck. Formal living & dining rooms, office, garage w/interior access. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

LAUREL $489,000
3281 ARIZONA ST. (Open 2-5)
Adorable 2BR/1BA bungalow on serene cul-de-sac. Gleaming hardwood floors, tastefully remodeled eat-in kitchen & remodeled bath with claw foot tub. Formal dining room, deck & bonus room. Level fenced yard. Diane E. McCan x1352

By Appointment

UPPER ROCKRIDGE $1,650,000
Fine contemporary in desirable neighborhood. Under construction; spring completion. Generous spaces with plenty of natural light. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, office. David Ichikawa x1331

RIDGEMONT $1,280,000
Prime lot w/inspirational Bay & SF views. Secluded 1/2+ acre parcel located at the end of a cul-de-sac. Spectacular home design by Phillip Perkins w/large level area embraced on 3 sides by the home. Minutes to Highway 13. David Ichikawa x1331

PIEDMONT $1,475,000
Enjoy breathtaking expansive views of San Francisco Bay from this stylish contemporary home with four bedrooms and four baths. Quiet, private, beautiful setting at the end of a cul-de-sac. Georgia Cornell x1325

MONTCLAIR $799,000
Sunny Traditional on Piedmont side of Montclair. 3BR/2.5BA, cozy rumpus, level yard, brick patios, deck. Hills and peek of the Bay views. Teri Carlisle x1305

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LAKESHORE $749,000
Piedmont border. 4BR/1.5BA Arts & Crafts beauty. Solarium, formal dining with built-ins, fireplace in living room, new kitchen, hardwood floors, fenced yard. Many upgrades! Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303



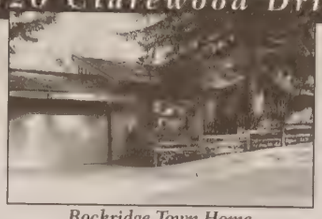
REDWOOD HEIGHTS $579,000
Delightful 2BR/1+BA split level bungalow. Spacious, open floor plan, fresh paint, hardwood floors. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining & eat-in kitchen. Rumpus room/office, 2-car garage. Great location. Donna DeBardi x1374



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This spacious home is situated on a quiet cul-de-sac and offers beautiful hill views in a private setting. Recently remodeled, it provides a convenient floor plan with five bedrooms, three baths, and a fabulous kitchen. Georgia Cornell x1325

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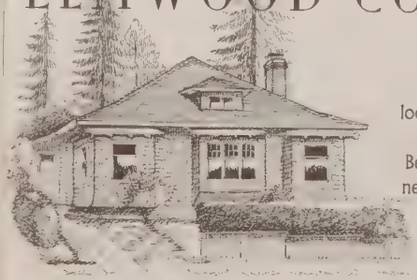
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2/1 - Cute home with lareg, level yard in friendly, convenient neighborhood. Move-in condition
1914 Oregon Street Open 1-4:30



BERKELEY $1,049,000
3+/2 - Park-like setting in the Berkeley Hills Surrounded by old-growth redwoods. Spectacular living room with Golden Gate views.
1196 Keith Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY $739,000
4/2 - 1st time available in 40 years! Wonderful and light-filled, located near Solano Ave In-law, Bay & City views, www.izumitada.com
911 San Benito Road Open 2-4



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2904 Cindy Court Open 2-4:30

ALBANY $629,000
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817 Carmel Avenue . Open 2-4

ALBANY $579,000
3/2 - Charming hill-top Mediterranean home with views of the City. Beautifully refinished hardwood floors, updated and spacious.
907 Pierce Street Open 2-4

EL CERRITO - NEW! $589,000
3/2 - Mid-century classic located on cul-de-sac with sweeping Bay views. 1/4 acre parcel A must see!
1736 Julian Court Open 2-5

EL CERRITO - NEW! $599,000
3/1 - Wonderful, light-filled mid-century modern home with San Francisco and Bay views. Marvelous large, level rear garden & patio
7426 Seaview Place Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! $689,000
3+/1 - Charming Craftsman home features a formal dining room, hardwood floors, attached garage & loads of storage all on a large parcel
353 Warwick Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! $495,000
3+/2 - Great family home with income in a serene, country setting. Oak floors, fireplace, hill views, huge yard & family room/studio in-law
7932 Sterling Drive Open 1:30-4:30



OAKLAND $369,000
1/1 - Beautiful live/work in historic complex Hardwood floors, updated bath, tressed vaulted ceilings, wall of windows, masonry walls, more!
730 29th Street #207 Open 2-4



OAKLAND $449,000
2/1 - Convenient Adams Point location. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, great yard for summer meals outside and more!
230 Oakland Avenue Open 2-5

OAKLAND - NEW! $650,000
3/1 - Space, light and location! Fabulous remodeled kitchen with breakfast nook. Formal dining room, plus space, architectural details.
1033 Trestle Glen Road Open 2-4

OAKLAND - NEW! $359,000
1/1 - Open floor plan. Super cute. Easy freeway access and Emeryville shops. More information at www.charliecookproperties.com.
5890 Vallejo Street Open 2-4:30

MARTINEZ - NEW! $779,000
4/2.5 - Spacious, tri-level home with updated kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, fresh paint throughout, beautiful large deck, more!
1404 Bernard Way Open 2-4

PINOLE - NEW! $549,900
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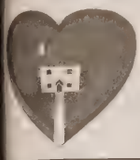
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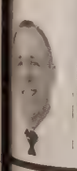
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2212 Charter Wy - $720,000
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1721 LEIMERT AVENUE $799,000
Beautiful 3BR/2BA Tudor. Spacious living room w/high ceilings, brick fireplace & hardwood floors. Updated eat-in kitchen. Private garden & patio. Kurt Buchholz



3477 WILSON AVENUE $475,000
Absolutely adorable 3BR/2BA Craftsman in beautiful condition! Charming updating! Great yard & big basement. Very special! Close to shops. Amy Robeson



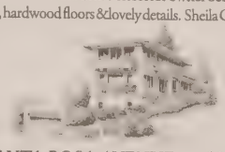
644 CHETWOOD STREET $999,000
Grand Victorian multi unit beauty w/sunny lawn & gardens, near Rose Garden. Perfect for owner occupancy. Fireplace, hardwood floors &lovely details. Sheila Gallagher



454 HILLER DRIVE $749,000
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805 BEGIER AVENUE $399,000
SAN LEANDRO. Spacious & cheerful 1BR. Bonus area off kitchen, hardwood floors, garden w/fruit trees. Great neighborhood, 2 blocks to restaurants. Mary Merrick



254 SANTA ROSA AVENUE $829,000
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2177 TRAFALGAR PLACE $729,000
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3825 DALE AVENUE $359,000
Traditional level home with 2BR/1BA and large level garden. Living room with dining area, kitchen w/tile countertops. Single car garage. Kurt Buchholz

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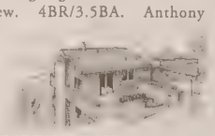
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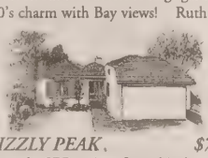
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This cheerful 2+BR/1BA cottage features a formal dining room, light-filled rooms, study, lovely gardens, hot tub & spa pool and garage. The Ratcliffes

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3785 Lamoureux - $545,000
1630 Lawndale Av - $565,000
3461 Monogram - $583,000
16500 Severn Rd - $600,000
603 Tiffany Rd - $325,000

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15884 Connolly Av - $435,000
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LOWEST PRICE: $375,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $843,500
MEDIAN PRICE: $602,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $583,056

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $300,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $815,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $557,500

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: $394,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $3,000,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $720,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $979,308

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LOWEST PRICE: $507,500
HIGHEST PRICE: $649,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $576,625

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TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $340,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $590,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $480,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $447,500

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: $185,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $475,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $300,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $309,750

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 103
LOWEST PRICE: $102,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,355,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $400,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $454,738

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TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: $380,000

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TOTAL SALES: 35
LOWEST PRICE: $78,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE $399,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $451,814

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 22
LOWEST PRICE: $325,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $945,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $516,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $529,295

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TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: $435,000
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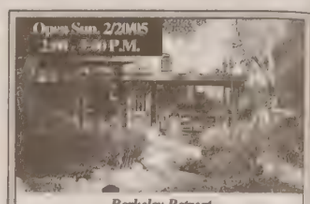
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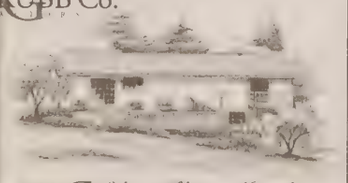
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3000 60th Ave
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Come see this charming Tudor and you won't be disappointed. The distinctive period architecture will draw you in. Enter through a welcoming front door encasing 15 window panes to see a home flooded with natural light. The formal living room boasts a high wood beam ceiling with art deco tiled fireplace. Follow the traditional floor plan with Oak floors into a formal dining room complimented with a wrought iron light fixture and matching curled iron finials for the window treatments. The spacious remodeled eat-in kitchen comes with a newer refrigerator and dishwasher and a gas range. Completing the first level is a light filled bedroom/office with 2 closets and a bathroom with pedestal sink. Upstairs are two bedrooms and lots of storage space. This creates a great opportunity for expanding an upper level bedroom and/or adding a bathroom. Take comfort knowing your home includes a newer roof, main electrical panel and central heating system and a solid foundation. Step out the kitchen door to a sweetly landscaped back yard just waiting for your first barbeque. To top it off, there's a sizable detached garage that could be used as work space, art studio, storage or just converted back to covered parking. Just down the street is a park with 2 play structures and it's only a short jaunt up highway 13 to reach Redwood Regional park, Chabot Observatory or the few exits to the Montclair shops and restaurants.

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VALLEJO $865,000
Gorgeous Hiddenbrooke home w/ views. 4 BR/ 3 BA with huge bonus room upstairs. Guest suite downstairs w/ separate entrance. Granite/stainless steel kitchen.
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LIVERMORE
Rare zoned light industrial ... sq. ft. shop in back ... in front, non permitted 1/1 ...
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LIVERMORE $589,950
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LIVERMORE $524,900
Room to grow, priced Buy! A fixer TLC will make this house a great home. Over 1,830 sq. ft. on an 8700 sq. ft. lot with a great floor plan. 3BR / 2BA newer roof, hardwood floors throughout, large kitchen, easy access to downtown, 580.
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Buyers' Corner

OAKLAND HILLS/ UPPER ROCKRIDGE
***$850,000-1,100,000**
Family with small children seeks traditional home with level garden and views of the bay.
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LAMORINDA/WALNUT CREEK
***$700,000-900,000**
Professional couple seeking home in tranquil setting with outdoor living potential and proximate to walking trails and BART.
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BERKELEY ***Up to $2 Million**
Apartment complex with multi-units, close to UC. For qualified investor.
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3333 GEORGIA ST. $540,000
Open Sun 1-5 ...
Cal... up ... counters, new marble floors to bath. New roof & paint. Wonderful home ready to move in. Large rear yard. One car garage
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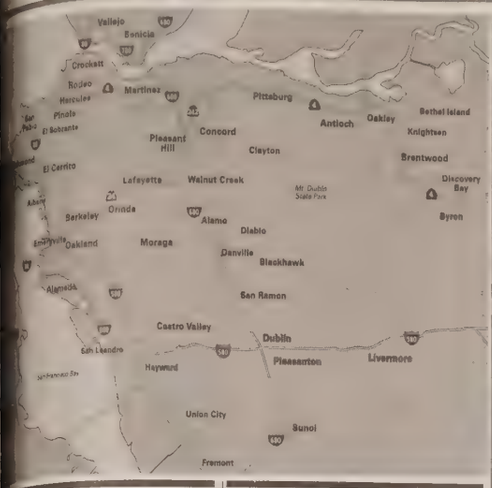
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... 's style ... kitchen and bath. 2 ... rage, inside access ... plus rear patio. Easy ... ping
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325 Kitty hawk Rd #102 — 2BD/1¼BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-919-9811
Coldwell Banker Realty — Barbara Kolodziejski

2067 Clinton Ave #B — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-748-1197
Alliance & Lindsey — Jose Cerda-Zein

1819 Union St — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — Central — 510-814-4835
Harbor Bay Realty — Elaine Budka

339 Broadway #114 — 2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 — Lagoon — 510-748-5300
Homes-Link Real Estate — Robert Neumann

255 Centre Court — 1+BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-388-7214/865-8564
Kelly & Associates — Valerie Newman/Lillian Silva

1001 Shoreline Dr #204 — 2BD/2BA
Sun 2-5 — 510-428-0900
Coldwell — Bryan Salomone

3155 Gilbert Lane — 3BD/2½BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Bay Farm — 510-522-5827
Coldwell Banker Real Estate — Mark Wyman

1704 Chapin — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-910-1443
Kelly & Associates — Uli LiRosi

3026 Flora Vista — 3BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 — Bay Farm Island — 510-814-4888
Harbor Bay Realty — Steve Sorensen

1857 Wood St — 3BD/2BA
Sun 1-4 — 510-508-7959
Coldwell Banker Realty — Carol Burnett

1081 Island Dr. — 3BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 — Bay Farm Island — 510-814-4881
Harbor Bay Realty — Jena Ng

1610 Encinal Ave. — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Central — 510-814-4861
Coldwell Banker Realty — Susan Battaglia

1032 Melrose Ave. — 3BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 — BFI — 510-814-4813/814-4713
Harbor Bay Realty — Richard Kim/Russ Grant

3531 Magnolia Dr. — 4BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 — Bay Farm Island — 510-814-4841
Harbor Bay Realty — Tom Young

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Sun 1-4 — Harbor Bay Isle — 510-814-4848
Harbor Bay Realty — Ringo Liu

1717 Willow Streeet — 2+BD/1+BA
Sun 1:30-4pm — 510-521-1177
Prudential Properties — Peter Fletcher

1615 Minturn St — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-910-5204
Coldwell Realty — Vince San Nicolas

1611 Willow Street — Duplex
Sun 2-4 — Victorian — 510-748-1158
Alliance & Lindsey — Tom Bennett

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Sun 2-4 — Bay Farm Island — 510-755-4003
Coldwell Alameda Homes — John Chang

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Sun Noon 1-4 — Bay Farm Island — 510-755-4003
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2441 Otis Dr. — 3+BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-919-5485/508-6000
Kelly & Associates — John Bergman/John Yung

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Sun 2-4 — Harbor Bay Isle — 510-814-4880
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618 Sand Hook Isle — 4BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-207-7350
Alliance & Lindsey — John Selback

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Sun 2-4pm — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Vince Moran

9 Smith Ct. — 4BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 — HBI — 510-814-4842/814-4882
Harbor Bay Realty — Coly Young/Antoinette Bertolani

3255-3257 Fernside Blvd — 2homes/1lot
Sun 1-4 — 510-377-7733
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1218 Sherman St. — 4BD/3BA
Sun 2-4 — 415-441-0967
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Albany

948 Ordway St — 2BD/1BA
Sun 1-4 — 650-438-3531
Bank of Bankers Realty — Art Gabot Madlaing

714 Cerrito — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4pm — Albany Hill — 510-466-5444
Kelly & Associates — Candace Hyde-Wang

907 Pierce St — 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4pm — 510-280-2162
Coldwell Realty — Saraya Motley

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Sun 2-4pm — 510-280-2171
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Berkeley

2 Panoramic Way #105 — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — N. Berkeley — 510-524-9888 x35
Coldwell Realty — Denise Milburn

$395,000 — 1816 Dwight Way — 2BD/2BA
Sun/Mon 2-4 — 510-486-1495
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$419,000 — 2608 Milvia St — 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30pm — 510-292-3055
Marvin Gardens — Melissa Elzenberg

$449,000 — 1914 Oregon — 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4:30pm — 510-292-2003
Red Oak Realty — Elizabeth McDonald

$465,000 — 2307 Curtis Street — 2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — 510-652-7133
The Grubb Co. — The Ratcliffes

$529,000 — 1217 Ward St. — 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 — 510-559-2910
Marvin Gardens — Barbara Kaplan

$560,000 — 2108-2110 8th St — 4-plex
Open Sun 2-4pm — 510-517-2700x34
Marvin Gardens — Kathie Berg

$595,000 — 1202 Peralta Ave — 2BD/1BA
Sun. 2-4:30 — 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker — Diana Kay

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Sun. 2-4:30 — 510-486-1495
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$599,000 — 2644 Parker — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-5pm — Elmwood — 510-986-9556
Prudential — Jay Lean

$625,000 — 1347 La Loma — 4BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — Berkeley Hills — 510-868-1400
Prudential — Jennifer Schreyer

$639,000 — 73 Alamo Avenue — 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. — Nacio Brown

$725,000 — 800 Grizzly Peak — 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. — Tricia Swift

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Thornwall Properties — Sandy and Carol

$795,000 — 571 Vistamont Ave — 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-5pm — 510-524-3510
New Spring Real Estate — Yehuda Ben-David

$825,000 — 2371 Eunice — 6BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — North Berkeley — 510-848-1950x240
Thornwall Properties — Colleen

$900,000 — 1624-26 Walnut — 3BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 1:30-4:30 — 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker — Azaria Berhane

$924,000 — 1 Whitaker — 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-5 — 510-338-1339
Pacific Union GMAC — Gini Erck

$1,049,000 — 1196 Keith Ave — 3+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4pm — 510-280-2152
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$1,088,000 — 2877 Shasta — 4BD/3BA
Sat & Sun 2-4 — 510-339-4700
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$1,195,000 — 1241 Grizzly Peak — 5+BD/3.5BA
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The Grubb Co. — Kartig Ananadan

$1,395,000 — 8 Brookside Dr — 4BD/3BA
Sat 2-4; Sun 1-4 — 510-428-0900
Prudential — Judith & Sheila

$1,450,000 — 901 Hilldale Ave — 5BD/4.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — 531-7000 x262
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$695,000 — 3179 Terry Ct — 4BD/2.5BA
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$925,000 — 210 Kenyon Ave — 4+BD/3BA
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Windermere Real Estate — Peter Fletcher

$249,000 — 3825 High St #204 — 1BD/1BA
Sun 1-5pm — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Erik Johnson

$315,000 — 371 30th Street #104 — 1BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4 — 510-748-1807/748-1137
Gallagher & Lindsey — Ann Bracci/Sheila McNeil

$319,000 — 260 Perkins St #3E — 2BD/1BA
Sun 1-4pm — Adams Point — 510-595-7699
RE/MAX — Dave Higgins

$329,999 — 8711 Mountain Blvd. #28 — 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4 — 925-200-3479
Intero Real Estate Services — Mahboob Malikyar

$330,000 — 7720 Garfield Ave — 3BD/1BA
Sat 2-4:30pm — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Andreas Furtner

$355,000 — 2235 92nd Avenue — 3BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-748-1139
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$359,000 — 3825 Dale Avenue — 2BD/1BA
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Open Sun 2-4:30pm — 510-280-2163
Red Oak Realty — Charlie Cook

$359,000 — 869 McElroy — 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 — 510-814-4885
Harbor Bay Realty — Jeff Goodman

$369,000 — 730 29th St #207 — 1BD/1BA
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Sun 2-4:30 — 510-339-4700
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Sun 2-4:30pm — Temescal — 510-834-2010
Prudential — Ming Zhou

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Open Sun 2-4pm — 510-882-9992
Marvin Gardens — Jean & Marni

$399,000 — 2309 60th Ave — 2+BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Andreas Furtner

$399,000 — 2329 Adeline St — 4BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — Laurel — 510-339-4000
Montclair Better Homes — Rochelle Anthony

$399,000 — 4117 D. Penniman Ct — 2BD/1BA
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$400,000 — 3165 Cuthbert Ave — 2BD/1BA
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Prudential — Casey Quintero

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Sun 2-5 — Maxwell Park — 510-486-1495
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$429,000 — 4818 Walnut Street — 2BD/1BA
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Wells & Bennett Realtors — Kate Phillips

$429,000 — 645 Chetwood #101 — 2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Rose Garden — 510-339-4700
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$439,000 — 2661 23rd Ave — 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — 510-428-0900
Prudential — Scott T.

$449,000 — 230 Oakland Ave — 2BD/1BA
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Open Sun 2-4:30 — Piedmont Ave. — 510-450-7777
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$475,000 — 3477 Wilson Avenue — 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — Dimond — 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. — Bebe McCrae

$479,000 — 6120 Buena Ventura — 2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Millsmont — 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker — Dan Joy

$489,000 — 3281 Arizona — 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-5 — Laurel — 510-338-1352
Pacific Union GMAC — Diane E. McCan

$495,000 — 7932 Sterling Dr — 3+BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30pm — 510-292-2013
Red Oak Realty — Todd Andrew

$499,000 — 3649 Shone Ave — 2+BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — Millsmount — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Mary Dresser

$499,000 — 388 Santa Clara Ave. #301 — 2BD/2BA
Sat & Sun 2-4:30 — Grand Lake — 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker — Jeffrey Neidleman& Leslie Wei

$515,000 — 2851 Modesto Ave — 2BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — Maxwell Park — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Katie O'Shea

$520,000 — 4515 Manila — 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30pm — Temescal — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Lisa Friedman

$525,000 — 9715 Cherry Street — Triplex
Open Sun. 1-4pm — East Oakland — 510-336-9999
Assist-2-Sell — Howard Kane

$540,000 — 3333 Georgia St. — 4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 — 510-339-8900 x255
C21 Heritage — Mel Copland

$550,000 — 4646 Reinhardt — 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4pm — Upper Laurel — 510-845-0211
Prudential — Andrea Arata

Oakland

$569,950 — 7864 Outlook Avenue — 3BD/2BA
Open Sun. 2-5pm — 510-568-7300
Prudential CA Realty — Adam Watts

$579,000 — 564 Haddon Rd — 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — Haddon Hill — 510-339-9290
Prudential — Michael Stephens

$595,000 — 4323 Carson — 2+BD/1+BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Redwood Heights — 510-338-1314/1308
Pacific Union GMAC — Sandi Klemmer/Dick Cohen

$599,000 — 4520 Clarewood Dr. — 2BD/2.5BA
Sun 1-5 — Rockridge — 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker — Donna Conroy

$628,888 — 10631-10633 International Blvd. — 3 Units
OpenSun. 1-4:30 — Commercial Bldg. — 510-380-6000
Better Homes Realty — Anne Ayankoya

$649,000 — 532 Athol Ave — 3BD/2BA
Sun 1-4pm — Haddon Hill — 510-595-7699
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$650,000 — 1033 Trestle Glen — 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4pm — 510-280-2144
Red Oak Realty — Cindy Wilson

$650,000 — 4237 Montgomery — 3BD/1.5BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Piedmont Avenue — 510-338-1316
Pacific Union GMAC — Joan Dark

$660,000 — 6338 Valley View Rd — 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30pm — Montclair — 510-899-6339
Montclair Better Homes — Michelle McKeown

$665,000 — 825 46th Street — Triplex
Open Sun. 1-4:30 — 510-380-6000
Better Homes Realty — Anne Ayankoya

$669,000 — 5923 Marden Lane — 2BD/1BA
Sun 1-4pm — Montclair — 510-595-7699
RE/MAX — Dave Higgins

$675,000 — 6828 Saroni Dr. — 3BD/3BA
Sun 2-4pm — Montclair — 510-524-9888 x33
Berkeley Hills Realty — Bill

$675,000 — 918 Underhills Rd — 3BD/1BA
Sun 2-5pm — Crocker Highlands — 510-834-2010
Prudential — Dolores Thom

$689,000 — 353 Warwick — 3+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4pm — 510-292-2030
Red Oak Realty — Catherine Stern

$695,000 — 6409 Westover Dr. — 4BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30 — Oakland Hills — 510-338-1335
Pacific Union GMAC — Michelle Miller

$699,000 — 836 33rd St — Multi-unit
Open Sun 2-4:30pm — 510-325-2898
ZipRealty — David Kerr

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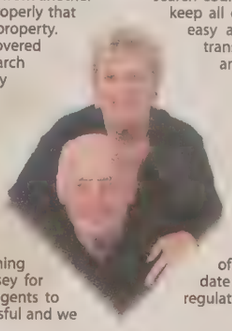


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Pinole Valley hands Berkeley a rare ACCAL defeat

It marks the first league soccer loss for the Yellow Jackets in over four years

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

The Pinole Valley High School girls soccer team accomplished something that no other Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League team had been able to do in over four years.

Behind second-half goals from Cindy Diaz and Sepi Shambayati, the host Spartans (15-5-2, 11-3 ACCAL) beat Berkeley (16-5-2, 11-1-2) 2-0 on Feb. 10.

The loss was Berkeley's first since its inaugural season in the ACCAL, when it lost 2-1 to El Cerrito on Jan. 9, 2001.

"It was do or die for us. If we tied, we tied for second place and if we won we were second," Pinole Valley coach Chuck Thompson said. "I sat my girls down and told them what this game was about.

"The first game we got embarrassed and tonight we wanted to prove that we were a better team than the first game."

In that first game, the Spartans suffered their worst loss of the season, 5-0.

But the Spartans made sure that didn't happen again.

Diaz broke a scoreless tie in the 69th minute on an unassisted goal.

Then 11 minutes later, Shambayati took Jessica Robles' cross from the right side and put in the final goal in the back left corner of the net.

Berkeley still clinched its fifth straight ACCAL title and automatic berth to the North Coast Section 3A playoffs with a 3-0 over Encinal on Feb. 3.

Albany 1, Berean Christian 1: The Cougars' Emma Kemp forced a tie with a powerful Eagles squad when she scored at the 57:40 mark of this Bay Shore Athletic League game on Feb. 9. Shireen Javandel had seven saves for visiting Albany.

Albany 9, John Swett 1: Kemp had three goals and an assist, and teammate Clare Kruger had two goals and three assists to lead the host Cougars to a season-ending win over John Swett on Friday. Albany finished with an 11-6-3 overall record and 11-4-3 BSAL mark.

St. Mary's 8, Kennedy 1: Michelle Mason and Kim Clincy both had two goals for the visiting Panthers in this BSAL game on Feb. 9.

St. Mary's 4, St. Patrick 0: The host Panthers finished the BSAL regular season with a 13-1-4 BSAL mark with the shutout on Friday. Clincy and Mason each scored two goals.

Acalanes 4, St. Mary's 1: Kristen White scored for the visiting Panthers (13-3-4) at the 47-minute mark, but it wasn't enough to avoid defeat in the nonleague game Saturday.

El Cerrito 6, De Anza 0: Stacey Tanaka scored two goals as the visiting Gauchos finished their season on Feb. 10 with a 14-8-1 overall record and 9-4-1 ACCAL mark.

BASKETBALL

Pinole Valley 67, Berkeley 62: The Spartans' Jontelle Smith and Jaleesa Ross combined to shoot 15-of-16 from the free-throw line. That included a combined 5-of-6 in the last 12.9 seconds. The Spartans were 21-of-27 from the line in the ACCAL victory Tuesday.

Smith was 10-of-10 from the line and scored a game-high 23 points. With the victory, Pinole Valley (22-1, 11-0 ACCAL) maintained control of the ACCAL. The Spartans have three ACCAL games left and have a two-game lead over Berkeley (15-8, 9-2) and a 2½-game lead over El Cerrito.

Pinole Valley showed composure in the final minute of a competitive game.

A free throw by Berkeley's Danesha Wright, who led the Yellow Jackets with 17 points, tied the score at 60 with 57.5 seconds remaining in the game. On Pinole Valley's next possession, Ross drilled a jump shot with 41 seconds left to give the Spartans a 62-60 lead.

Berkeley tied the score at 62 with 24 seconds remaining as Jennifer Gross hit a jump shot in

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PREP GIRLS ROUNDUP

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Milestone brings silly response

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL girls basketball coach **Ron Williams** has more big plans for this year's end of the season pool party.

Those plans revolve around drenching each and every member of the Gauchos, including his wife, **Tamara Mason-Williams**, and his daughter **Breanni Davis** into the pool.

But Williams has a reason for his upcoming festivity.

After a 56-46 win over visiting Encinal in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play on Friday, all 13 of the Gauchos covered Williams in silly string to celebrate his 100th victory with the program.

"Yeah, they blasted me with the string," Williams said by phone Friday after the victory. "I told every last one of them I would get them back."

On Monday at practice, Williams was still planning his retaliation.

"I am going to make sure I am anywhere near the pool," Breanni Davis, who coaches the JV team and helped plan the event with Williams' wife. "His middle name is retaliation."

In his six seasons with El Cerrito, Williams has led the Gauchos to a 100-60 overall record

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BSAL NOTEBOOK

Chieftains in control of top seed

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

NOT AGAIN!?! A week ago, the Salesian High School boys soccer team settled for a first place tie in the Bay Shore Athletic League after it could not beat Piedmont in the regular-season finale.

If Salesian's boys basketball team is unable to get by host Kennedy tonight and St. Mary's defeats Piedmont, the Chieftains will find themselves in a tie with the Panthers in the BSAL.

If the teams do end up tying, a second tiebreaker would have to be used since Salesian and St. Mary's split the season series, a game apiece.

The next tiebreaker is based against the third-place opponent. Salesian beat St. Joseph Notre Dame (9-3) in their only meeting. St. Mary's went 1-1 against St. Joseph, which would give the Chieftains the No. 1 seed.

Of course, a Salesian win or St. Mary's loss will give the Chieftains the No. 1 seed in next week's BSAL playoffs and this will be a moot point.

The Chieftains (10-1 BSAL) would like to avoid the confusion by simply winning. They are approaching this game as if it were a playoff.

"We did well against St.

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EL CERRITO'S David Ball, right, tries to get past two De Anza defenders, including Isidro Tamayo (2), during their Feb. 10 match. The Dons won 4-3.

Berkeley doesn't need OT this time

Yellow Jackets stay perfect in ACCAL by beating Pinole Valley, which extended them to triple-overtime in first meeting

By Chace Bryson
STAFF WRITER

It hasn't all been smooth sailing for the Berkeley High School boys basketball team this season.

Despite being a mainstay in the top 20 of CalHiSports.com's state rankings since December, No. 13 Berkeley (20-3, 11-0 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) has had a number of close calls over the past month. Among those close calls was a 78-77 triple-overtime win at Pinole Valley on Jan. 21.

On Tuesday, the Yellow Jackets hosted Pinole Valley (19-4, 9-2) with sole possession of first place hanging in the balance once again. And Berkeley made sure it would not be a close call, as it won 78-64.

With five players finishing in double figures, the Yellow Jackets opened the game with a 3-pointer from freshman Duane Bagsby and never trailed the rest of the way.

Berkeley led by as much as 14 points in the second half before the Spartans cut the score to 55-51 with 6:10 left in the game.

"We took a timeout and told the guys to just take a deep breath," Berkeley coach Mike Gragnani said. "We also emphasized going back to what gave us the lead in the first place."

The Yellow Jackets returned from the timeout and went on a 17-4 run that put the game out of reach.

"It's kind of tough when you're throwing the ball away so much," Pinole Valley coach Mark DeLuca said of his team's 24 turnovers for the game. "We had a lot of turnovers ... and (Berkeley) played real well down the stretch."

Berkeley's play down the stretch was due in large part to center Dior Lowhorn. The senior scored eight of his team-high 20 points in the fourth quarter.

"Statistically, it won't look like (Lowhorn's) best game," Gragnani said. "(Pinole Valley) put a lot of guys on him and expended a lot of energy in stopping him. But in the end, he played the way he plays. He sealed the game for us."

The Yellow Jackets were without senior guard Robert Mitchel, who did not dress due to what Gragnani said were academic concerns.

John Bryant led Pinole Valley with a game-high 26 points and 16 rebounds.

Berkeley 78, Alameda 55: The visiting Yellow Jackets scored 46 points in the second and third quarters combined to win on Feb. 10. Lowhorn led all scorers with 27 points.

Salesian 57, St. Mary's 49: This time around there would be no fourth-quarter letdown.

Junior Andre Wells made sure of that.

Wells scored eight of his team-high 21 points in the final period to help Salesian beat St. Mary's at Contra Costa College on Saturday night.

The Panthers, who rallied from a six-point fourth quarter deficit in the team's first meeting to win 57-51, dropped their second straight game to fall to second place in the Bay Shore Athletic League.

"Once they started to make a comeback, I told the guys we were not about to let this happen again," said Wells. "We just had to play smarter."

After Salesian started the final period on a 10-0 run to take a 50-39 lead, St. Mary's responded with an 8-2 spurt keyed by Larry Gurganious. The senior scored four of his game-high 22 points during the run to pull the Panthers (22-3, 9-2 BSAL) to 52-47 with 2:16 left.

But instead of a letdown, Salesian (19-5, 9-1 BSAL) responded by hitting 5 of 6 free throws, including the final two by Wells with 46.2 seconds left to seal the win.

After scoring seven points off the bench in the first half, Wells came off the bench, again, in the second half and scored 14 points after halftime.

St. Joseph 55, St. Mary's 52: Nick Bailey scored four straight points and grabbed two key rebounds in the game's final 2:27 to help visiting St. Joseph defeat the Panthers on Feb. 9.

Dom Calegari paced the Panthers with 13 points. Jordan Thurston and Gurganious added 12 points for St. Mary's.

El Cerrito 59, Encinal 54: On Friday, Kenny Leaks scored a game-high 25 points as the visiting Gauchos won their third straight game. Leaks also had five assists and five rebounds in the win. Ryan White also scored in double figures for the Gauchos with 11 points, and he grabbed nine rebounds.

De Anza 66, El Cerrito 63: Despite 22 points from Milton Brown and 20 points from Leaks, the Gauchos (10-11, 6-5 ACCAL) were unable to defeat the visiting Dons (15-7, 8-3) on Tuesday.

Albany 48, John Swett 34:

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PREP BOYS ROUNDUP

ON DECK

Prep boys basketball

■ **Pinole Valley at El Cerrito**, 7 p.m. tonight — The Gauchos will attempt to defeat one of the top teams in the East Bay.

■ **Berkeley at Hercules**, 7 p.m. Tuesday — On Jan. 27, the Yellow Jackets escaped an upset with a 73-69 victory over the Titans.

■ **BSAL playoffs**, first round Tuesday, TBA — Both St. Mary's (which is in second-place in the BSAL regular-season standings at press time) and Albany (fifth) are in good shape to make the league playoffs.

Prep girls basketball

■ **El Cerrito at Pinole Valley**, 7 p.m. tonight — The Gauchos will aim to defeat the league-leading Spartans.

■ **Piedmont at St. Mary's**, 6 p.m. tonight — The Panthers will be focused against one of the top teams in the nation.

■ **BSAL playoffs**, first round Tuesday, TBA — St. Mary's (which is second in the BSAL regular-season standings at press time) and Albany (third) could meet in a semifinal.

Prep wrestling

■ **BSAL championship meet**, at Athenian, 4 p.m. today.— Albany will attempt to win its fifth straight BSAL tournament team title.

Stars of the week

■ **Arash Riahi, Albany boys basketball** — Riahi had 17 points, 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and was 8-for-10 from the field in the Cougars' 48-34 victory over John Swett. He also had 12 points in Albany's 54-42 loss to St. Patrick.

■ **Duane Bagsby, Berkeley boys basketball** — Bagsby had 17 points, six assists and two steals in the Yellow Jackets' 78-64 win over Pinole Valley.

■ **Turquoise Wilder, El Cerrito girls basketball** — Wilder scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Gauchos' 56-46 win over Encinal. She then scored a career-high 22 points and had 14 rebounds and four blocked shots in El Cerrito's 58-36 win over De Anza.

■ **Courtney Dunn, St. Mary's girls basketball** — Dunn had a game-high 13 points and 10 rebounds in the Panthers' 59-23 win over St. Joseph, then scored 10 points in a 68-55 loss to Carondelet.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Newark Memorial	21-3	In prime position for the top seed in NCS Division I playoffs
2.	Berkeley	18-3	Yellow Jackets have not lost since Dec. 29
3.	De La Salle	17-4	Rebounds from Clayton Valley upset with an 11-point defeat of Deer Valley
t4.	St. Mary's	21-2	Win streak ends at 17 games after 55-52 loss to St. Joseph
t4.	Salesian	18-5	Chieftains limit St. Elizabeth to nine points or less in every quarter on Feb. 9
6.	Pinole Valley	18-3	Spartans drop tough one at Salesian, shift focus to race for ACCAL title
7.	San Ramon Valley	20-3	Averaged 68 points in first nine EBAL wins this season
8.	Bishop O'Dowd	14-7	Dragons closing in on top seed in Division III field
9.	Deer Valley	15-6	Win over De La Salle continues to elude Wolverines in BVAL
10.	Alhambra	19-2	Ends five-year drought against Campolindo, remains unbeaten in DFAL

Others receiving votes: Monte Vista (19-4), St. Joseph Notre Dame (16-8). The prep boys basketball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Feb. 9.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Piedmont	21-2	Suffers first loss at home (61-56 to Garfield-Seattle) in Paris sisters era
2.	Oakland Tech	13-5	Bulldogs allow McClymonds only 18 points
3	Carondelet	17-3	Third straight unbeaten season in BVAL appears likely
4.	Moreau Catholic	20-1	A strong candidate for the No. 2 seed in NCS Division IV
5.	Pinole Valley	20-1	Spartans have not lost since Dec. 29
T6.	Castlemont	20-2	Scored 74 points against both Skyline and Oakland
T6.	Deer Valley	17-3	Wolverines have seven-game winning streak snapped by Carondelet
8.	St. Mary's	12-7	Panthers fall to Carondelet 68-55 in Saturday matchup
9.	Berkeley	14-7	Sneed, Thomas, Johnson averaged more than 12 points a game in first 8 BSAL games
10.	Miramonte	17-4	Slow start dooms Matadors in 62-54 loss to Berkeley

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Arash Riahi scored a game-high 17 points as the host Cougars outscored the Indians 18-10 in the first half and 30-24 in the second half on Friday. Jeremy Jennings also scored in double figures with 13 points for Albany.

St. Patrick 54, Albany 42: The Bruins (2-9 BSAL) outscored the visiting Cougars (7-18, 5-6 BSAL) 20-4 in the fourth quarter to win on Tuesday. Jennings led Albany in scoring with 17 points.

SOCCER

De Anza 4, El Cerrito 3: At halftime of their ACCAL game against the host Gauchos on Feb. 10, the Dons were facing a possible third straight league loss that would dampen their chances of a NCS 2A at-large playoff berth.

But the Dons, who trailed 2-0 at halftime, rallied with four goals in the second half to win.

The Dons' Jaime Alejandre had a hat trick to lead De Anza (14-3-2, 9-3-2 ACCAL), which clinched second place with the victory. Richmond, the ACCAL champion, beat De Anza 3-0 on Feb. 5 and 2-0 on Feb. 8.

El Cerrito (5-12-3, 2-9-3 ACCAL) scored twice in the first 13 minutes on headers by Nolan Kelly. But Alejandre made the score 2-1 on a re-start shot just outside the 18-yard box at the 46-minute mark. He tied the score at the 51-minute mark on an assist from Gerardo Montano, and two minutes later De Anza took a 3-2 lead on a penalty kick by Alejandre.

The Dons made the score 4-2 lead on a header by Isidro Tamayo at the 77-minute mark. El Cerrito put pressure on De Anza again late in the game when Justin Syren scored at the 79th minute.

Kennedy 2, St. Mary's 1: Theo Addo-Otoo of St. Mary's opened the scoring at the 15-minute mark, but the visiting Eagles shut out the Panthers the rest of the way on Feb. 9.

St. Patrick 2, St. Mary's 0: Two second-half goals lifted the host Bruins to the win in the season finale for both teams Friday. The Panthers finished with a 9-9-4 overall record and 9-7-2 BSAL mark. St. Patrick was 3-15-2 overall and 3-13-2 in BSAL play.

Berean Christian 3, Albany 0: Doug Hewitt's goal at the 7-minute mark turned out to be the winning goal for the visiting Eagles in this BSAL game on Feb. 9.

Pinole Valley 1, Berkeley 1: Colin Searles helped the visiting Yellow Jackets avoid a loss with a goal at the 71-minute mark of the season finale for both teams on Friday. Berkeley finished ACCAL play with a 5-5-4 record. Pinole Valley was 1-10-3 in league action.

Staff writers Robert Jordan and Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

ACCAL

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and a 45-25 record in ACCAL play entering this week.

"That is not really why I do it," said Williams, who did not know he had accomplished the feat until it was announced by Davis after the game. "I just try to get kids out of here and into college. ... I have been blessed to have great girls every year.

"I have been fortunate enough to not only have great athletes but great students who are willing to work hard."

This year's group is no different. Entering the week, three different Gauchos were averaging 10 or more points. **Myleka Emerson** (16.1 points per game), **Shonetta Crain-Williams** (14.3) and **Turquoise Wilder** (10.6) have led El Cerrito.

BIG NIGHT: Coach **Elliott Shaw** and the De Anza boys basketball program were expected to rely heavily on junior **Darius Foster** this season, but no one expected this much.

Foster scored a career-high 46 points on Friday to help the Dons (14-6, 7-3 ACCAL) beat host Richmond 72-70.

The 6-foot-2 wingman was consistent the whole night, scoring 13 of De Anza's 15 points in the third quarter.

Shaw said that the 46 points was the most scored in the 14 years he has been involved with the program.

LEFT OUT: The Pinole Valley girls soccer team handed Berkeley its first ACCAL loss in four years on Friday with a 2-0 victory and finished second in league for the third straight year. But it still was not enough to convince the North Coast Section seedings committee to grant the Spartans a postseason berth.

Pinole Valley finished the season 15-5-2 and 11-3 in the ACCAL but was passed over for the NCS 3A playoffs that began Wednesday.

Berkeley, which won the ACCAL with an 11-1-2 mark, was seeded 10th.

Alameda, which finished third in the ACCAL with a 9-1-4 record, also was left out.

On the boys side, three ACCAL teams gained entry to the postseason, with Richmond receiving the top seed in 3A after finishing the season 20-1-1.

De Anza and Encinal both received bids in 2A, with the Dons (14-3-2) being seeded third and the Jets (9-5-5) seeded No. 9.

BSAL

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Mary's to get in this position," Salesian coach **Bill Mellis** said. "Now it's in our own hands."

Salesian defeated St. Mary's (9-2 BSAL) 57-49 on Saturday at Contra Costa College. The Chieftains followed that up by topping fourth-place Kennedy (8-4) 62-56 on Tuesday.

Salesian beat Albany 71-45 on Jan. 25.

In soccer, there are no longer any league playoffs, so an automatic bid to the North Coast Section 2A East playoffs had to be determined. Since Salesian and Kennedy tied each other in both meetings and they had the same record against third-place Piedmont, a third tiebreaker had to be used.

That would have been a one-game playoff, but since that scenario was too difficult to schedule on such short notice, BSAL commissioner **Phil Tomasini** ruled the tiebreaker would be settled on a coin flip. Salesian won the coin flip and was awarded the automatic bid and the higher seed in the playoffs. However, the teams officially shared the league title.

In basketball, there are league playoffs involving the top six teams in the BSAL.

Mellis said it does not matter too much which team gets the No. 1 seed.

"It's going to be wide open," he said. "St. Joseph has played well and St. Mary's has regrouped. The No. 1 seed, it's good to have it. The bottom line is, you have to beat good teams no matter who you're playing."

The playoffs start Tuesday night with the higher seeds hosting and the top two getting a first-round bye.

TAYLOR RETURNS: Kennedy boys basketball star **Therin Taylor** made a surprise return to the Eagles lineup Tuesday night against Salesian after missing nearly two weeks because of an upper respiratory virus.

Taylor scored 25 points in his return.

He originally was scheduled to miss the remainder of the BSAL season, including the playoffs.

Mellis was not surprised by Taylor's early return. Taylor was in attendance at Salesian's game against St. Mary's last Friday.

"At the St. Mary's game, he indicated he was going [illegible] Mellis said. "We kind of [illegible] pected him to be out th[illegible] our place, he wanted to [illegible] us."

BRING THE PAIN: [illegible] painful weekend for [illegible] boys basketball player [illegible] Brew.

The freshman guard [illegible] tooth and chipped anot[illegible] during Saturday's loss to [illegible] sian.

With 45.8 seconds [illegible] third period and the P[illegible] trailing 38-34, Brew was [illegible] going in for a layup and [illegible] floor, resulting in a 10-[illegible] delay of the game.

"That was big," St. [illegible] player **Larry Gurgan**[illegible] "Losing him and seeing [illegible] jury ... we were really [illegible] about him. It was tough.

Girls

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the lane. On the Spartans' ensuing possession, Ross drove into the key and was fouled, and a technical was called on Berkeley's Jazmine Perkins.

Ross connected on one of her two free throws, then Smith sank two free throws for a 65-62 Pinole Valley lead. Smith was fouled after receiving the inbounds pass and converted two more free throws with 12.7 seconds left for the final points of the game.

Ross had 17 points, nine rebounds and three assists, and Smith had seven assists and two steals. Alexandria Mitchell had nine rebounds for Berkeley, and Perkins had four rebounds, seven assists and three steals.

Berkeley 68, Alameda 65: A team-high 27 points from Mitchell and 18 points from teammate Jennifer Gross helped the host Yellow Jackets edge Alameda on Feb. 10.

Carondelet 68, St. Mary's 55: Guard Ashlee Ford scored seven of her nine points in the second half to help lead the host Cougars (19-3), who withstood a brief fourth quarter rally by the Panthers (13-8) to earn their 10th straight win on Saturday.

Trailing 48-38 entering the final period of the nonleague game, St. Mary's went on a 9-3 run capped by Cristina Thomas' five-foot jumper with 4:05 remaining. But Carondelet responded by outscoring the Panthers 13-2 over the next 2:30 to put the game away.

Ford began the Cougars' run with a 3-point play, driving the lane and scoring on a layup as she was fouled. Her free throw gave Carondelet a 54-47 advantage.

Center Jayne Appel led Carondelet with 17 points, but she spent five minutes of the second half on the bench with four fouls. She eventually fouled out with two minutes remaining.

Shantrell Sneed scored 19 points to lead St. Mary's, which trailed by 11 points late in the first quarter and never fully recovered.

"(The players) really didn't pay much attention to the scouting report," Panthers coach Nate Fripp said. "We leave (Alli) Russi open on 3-pointers, we let Ford drive to the basket. We didn't do a lot of the little things that we talked about. It's frustrating."

St. Mary's 59, St. Joseph Notre Dame 23: The Panthers outscored the host Pilots 37-15 in the first half on the way to victory on Friday.

St. Mary's 60, Holy Names 10: The host Panthers (17-8, 10-1 BSAL) led 15-2 after the first quarter and 30-3 at halftime on Tuesday. Sonjha Beam led a balanced scoring effort for St. Mary's with 12 points.

El Cerrito 56, Encinal 46: Turquoise Wilder scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as the host Gauchos defeated the Jets on Friday.

El Cerrito 58, De Anza 36: Wilder scored a career-high 22 points and also had 14 rebounds and four blocks for the visiting Gauchos on Tuesday.

Albany 60, John Swett 43: Ceciley Johnson had a game-high 20 points and 10 rebounds, and teammate Jade Smith-Williams had a triple-double with 12 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists as the visiting Cougars defeated John Swett on Friday.

Albany 56, St. Patrick 46: Ashley Greene scored a game-high 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Johnson added 12 points and 12 rebounds as the host Cougars shut out the Bruins in the fourth quarter for the win Tuesday.

Staff writers Phil Jensen and Curtis Pashelka contributed to this roundup.

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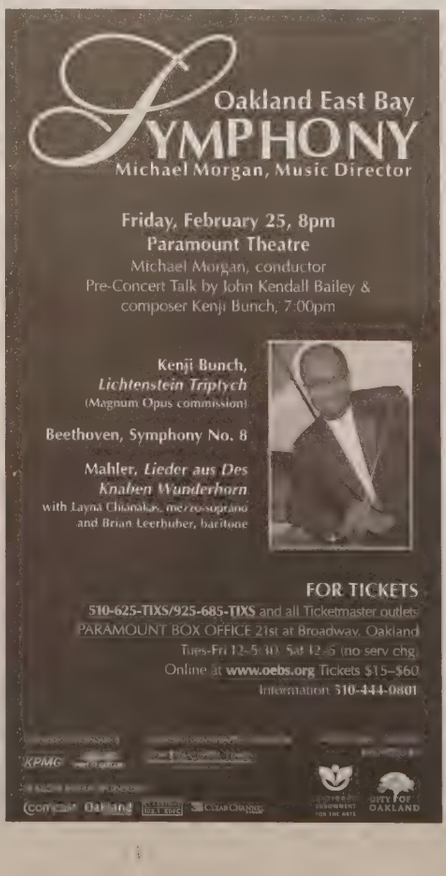
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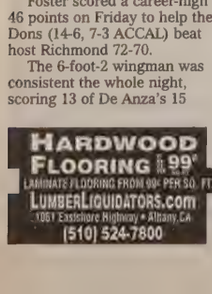
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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers are Mary F. Pols, Times; Marta Barber, Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Steven Jones, Carrie Rickey, Knight Ridder; Peter Sobczynski, Glenn Lovell and Bruce Reid Kava, San Jose Mercury News; Joe Newman, San Jose Mercury News; Owen Gleiberman, Christy Lemire and Glenn Nuckols, Associated Press; Anita Gates, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Jami Bernard and Jack Mathews, New York Daily News; Phoebe Flowers, South Florida Sun-Sentinel; Evan Henerson, Valerie Kuklenski, Fred Sahatjian, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Carla Meyer, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bark, Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Tom Maurstad, Tom Sime, Chris Vognar and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Jay Boyar and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Joe Baltake, Sacramento Bee; Ty Burr, Catherine Foster and Wesley Morris, Boston Globe; Robert Denerstein, Rocky Mountain News; Ann Hornaday, Stephen Hunter, Michael O'Sullivan and Desson Thomson, Washington Post.

"ALIENS OF THE DEEP": When director James Cameron proclaimed himself King of the World, who knew he had designs on the rest of the solar system? This IMAX-3D film is a gorgeous hybrid of undersea documentary and outer-space fantasy. — S. Holden. (G) 48 minutes. **A**

"ARE WE THERE YET?": A rip-off of "Planes, Trains & Automobiles." Affable Nick (Ice Cube), hoping to score points with beautiful single mother Suzanne (Nia Long), transports her children from Portland to Vancouver. The children (Aleisha Allen and Philip Bolden) are smug little snobs, and they taunt, belittle and abuse poor Nick mercilessly. In contrast, John Candy starts to look like great company for a road trip. The emotional connection between Nick and the kids, when it finally arrives, is forced and false. Not even Helen of Troy could be worth putting up with these brats. — M. Pols. (PG: language and slight humor.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **F**

"ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13": Remake of a 1976 action thriller. One snowy New Year's Eve, a handful of cops in an antiquated precinct find themselves under siege by dozens of masked gunmen. To survive, the sergeant in charge (Ethan Hawke) forms an uneasy alliance with the prisoners, including a crime boss (Laurence Fishburne). The movie degenerates bloodshed and invites us to rejoice in that joy by presenting us with a number of characters so irritating, we want them dead. With Maria Bello and John Leguizamo. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence and language throughout, some drug content.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **C-**

"THE AVIATOR": Martin Scorsese's thoroughly absorbing look at the life of Howard Hughes, millionaire, recluse and infamous eccentric. The story is focused on Hughes' younger, triumphant years, with Leonardo DiCaprio doing a fine job bringing him to life. The film stays safely sympathetic to Hughes, tics and all, which holds it back from greatness, but it is sumptuous, confident and well-acted, exactly what you want in a holiday movie. And Cate Blanchett's gangbuster performance as Katharine Hepburn is not to be missed. — M. Pols. (PG-13: thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a crash sequence.) 2 hours, 49 minutes. **B+**

"BAD EDUCATION": Just in the time for the holidays, a Pedro Almodovar film about a chain of tragic events begun by a priest sexually abusing a young boy at a Catholic school. This is Almodovar's venture into the territory of film noir, and he brings both his naughty Spanish sensibility to it and his amazing ability to create a story with multiple layers. The It boy of Latin America, Gael Garcia Bernal, plays no less than three roles, and there's a movie within a movie within a movie. It sounds confusing, but Almodovar never lets us flounder. — M. Pols. (NC-17: contains a scene of explicit sexual content.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **A-**

"BEING JULIA": Based on Somerset Maugham's novella "Theatre," this movie sets out to prove there's no people like show people. The story is set in London in 1938, where aging stage actress Julia Lambert (Annette Bening) enacts her revenge against everyone who has brought her low: Tom, her loutish lover; Michael, her philandering husband, who is sleeping with an ingenue hungry for a part; and the ingenue who is using both of Julia's men to get to Julia. — B. Newman. (R: some sexuality.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C+**

"BOOGEYMAN": Barry Watson plays Tim, the guy who wonders if the things that go bump in the night are in his head or in his closet. When his mom, played by Lucy Lawless, dies, Tim vows to confront the demons of his past by spending one night in the absurdly Gothic house he grew up in. Yeah, it's dumb, and it takes a long time to get to scenes that amount to anything other than cheap scares. But "Boogeyman" is not entirely artless. Tim's nightmares are doozies. — R. Moore. (PG-13: intense sequences of horror, terror/violence, some partial nudity.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. **C**

"BORN INTO BROTHELS": An Oscar-nominated documentary about the children of prostitutes who live in Calcutta's red light district. Photographer (and co-director) Zana Briski gives a group of the kids point-and-shoot cameras, and from that, their worlds open up to the possibility of hope. The film, which takes a clear-eyed, nonsentimental viewpoint, brings us to a place we'd never see otherwise, gives us a poignant lesson in the difficulties of saving those who seem doomed and reminds us how the force of beauty can exist in the ugliest of places and circumstances. — M. Pols. (R: some sequences of strong language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **A-**

"BRIDE & PREJUDICE": Attempting to adapt "Pride and Prejudice" — Jane Austen's comedy of manners — director Gurinder Chadha ("Bend It Like Beckham") proves that Austen's material is timeless, but not tireless, turning it into a Bollywood musical in which everybody sings and dances, then falls flat on their faces. Aishwarya Rai plays Lalita, who flouts convention by insisting that she will marry only for love, derailing the procession of four Bakshi girls to the altar. — B. Newman. (PG-13: some sexual references.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **D+**

"THE CHORUS (LES CHORISTES)": A resoundingly nice movie about a teacher (Gerard Jugnot) who brings a little light, in the form of music, into a school for orphans and juvenile delinquents in rural France in 1949. He takes his unruly class and turns it into a chorus of sweet songbirds. It all happens more easily than we might expect, and there is, of course, a young musical genius in their midst (Jean-Baptiste Maunier). But Jugnot is a warm and winning presence, and the movie's sweet sentiment goes down easily. — M. Pols (PG-13: some language/sexual references, violence.) 1 hour, 36 minutes.

B"COACH CARTER": Based on the real-life story of former Richmond High School basketball coach Ken Carter, whose decision in 1999 to bench his winning team because of bad grades created a firestorm of publicity. Samuel L. Jackson lends his considerable cool to the character and provides plenty of inspiration. The story may be typical of formulaic sports movies, but it's also believably gritty, occasionally amusing and ultimately touching. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, sexual content, language, teen partying and some drug material.) 2 hours, 17 minutes. **B**

"CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE": This thriller takes place in a small Irish town, where a young seminarian is wrongly suspended on suspicion of sexual misbehavior. Then an older priest with AIDS who puts a shotgun into his mouth and fires. David is the young local journalist who investigates the story behind the suicide, and finds more than he expected. — A. Gates. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **C+**

"FINDING NEVERLAND": Supposedly about how Scottish playwright J.M. Barrie came to write his beloved 1904 play "Peter Pan." But don't expect realism from this fanciful film starring Johnny Depp as Barrie and Kate Winslet as the widow, with three unruly sons, who supposedly inspired the story. — M. Pols. (PG: mild thematic elements, brief language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **B**

"HEAD-ON": A young Turkish-German woman desperate to escape her oppressive Muslim family enters into a marriage of convenience with a suicidal man. They live as roommates until things become more complicated in this rough-edged, angry love story. Newcomer Sibel Kekilli gives a riveting performance as the girl who wants to be free, but who finds the price for her liberty may be too high. — M. Pols. (NR: contains nudity, strong language, violence and sexuality.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **A-**

"HIDE AND SEEK": In this thriller, a little girl (Dakota Fanning) who has been traumatized by her mother's suicide acquires an imaginary friend named Charlie. At least her dad (Robert De Niro) assumes he's imaginary, until nasty things start happening in the house (household pets, look out!). The script does keep us guessing about Charlie's identity, but the payoff is so sick and sad, there's not much thrill in it. As for De Niro, what a sellout. — M. Pols. (R: frightening sequences, violence.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **C-**

"HITCH": Will Smith is ultracharming as the title character in this light romantic comedy about a Manhattan man who runs a dating consulting business for men looking for love. As the "Date Doctor," As cynical and fearful of love as he is, Hitch finds his life unsettled when he meets a beautiful gossip columnist (Eva Mendes). Has some contrivances of the genre, but still fun. With TV's Kevin James as Hitch's most challenging client. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, some strong sexual references.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B-**

"HOTEL RWANDA": A story so powerful and interesting that flaws in the storytelling don't much matter. Don Cheadle stars as real-life hero Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager in the capitol of Rwanda. He's made a career out of being obsequious, but when ethnic violence breaks out and Hutus begin massacring Tutsis, he must make a stand. Through quiet intelligence and his own willingness to be humble, he saves more than 1,200 people. An Oscar-worthy performance by Cheadle. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, disturbing images and brief, strong language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. **A-**

"HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS": Set in the twilight of the Tang Dynasty, this feast of blood and passion is a tribute to the sword and martial-arts epics of the past. Zhang Ziyi plays Mei, a blind courtesan who turns out to be a member of a shadowy squad of assassins waging a guerrilla insurgency against the corrupt government. She is pursued by two government deputies, and the chase turns into a love triangle. Realism is as irrelevant here as it would be in an Italian opera. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: violence, mild sexuality; in Mandarin with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"THE INCREDIBLES": Blessed with that reliable Pixar blend of intelligence, wit and beautiful craftsmanship, a tale of superheroes forced into retirement but still possessed of an urge to save the world. Our hero Mr. Incredible (voiced by Craig T. Nelson) is led into a trap by an old enemy and must be saved by his wife, the former Elastigirl (Holly Hunter, almost as delightful as Ellen DeGeneres in "Finding Nemo") and his offspring. Stylistically enticing and good fun, but there may be too much violence for very young children. — M. Pols. (PG: action violence.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B+**

"IN GOOD COMPANY": A drama/comedy from director Paul Weitz about an upstart yuppie (Topher Grace) supplanting an experienced 53-year-old (Dennis Quaid) after a corporate merger. Weitz tends to fall back on cheap humor and sitcom situations (the subplot involving Grace's character dating Quaid's daughter, played by Scarlett Johansson, is unnecessary). But he's onto something with his portrayal of the corporate world as both cutthroat and bumbling. Grace is particularly endearing. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content, drug references.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"INSIDE DEEP THROAT": A slick and engaging documentary about the making of the most profitable movie of all time, the porn classic "Deep Throat." It's peppered with interviews from pop-culture figures of the 1970s — Dick Cavett, Norman Mailer, Erica Jong — but the real star is petite pornographer Gerard Damiano, who directed the movie and still seems to regard it as his gift to the sexual revolution. — M. Pols. (NC-17: explicit sexual content.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **B**

"THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU": American auteur Wes Anderson's spoof of a Jacques Cousteau-style underwater explorer, Steve Zissou (Bill Murray). Though it is visually fantastic and has a great cast, including Cate Blanchett, Owen Wilson, Willem Dafoe and Anjelica Huston, the film goes nowhere, is emotionally inert, and the laughs are few and far between. — M. Pols. (R: language, some drug use, violence and partial nudity.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **C-**

"MEET THE FOCKERS": This sequel to "Meet the Parents" has a gag reflex that milks every bodily secretion for laughs. That it often gets them is a tribute to the cast, headed by Robert De Niro (as Jack Byrnes, father of the prospective bride), Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand (as Bernie and Roz Focker). Jack insists on driving everyone to meet the future in-laws, the Fockers, in Florida aboard an RV. Along for the ride are Greg Focker (Ben Stiller), Jack's daughter Pam (Teri Polo), his wife, Dina (Blythe Danner), and their grandson. When the in-laws-to-be meet, the movie's vast shtick list gets going. — B. Newman. (PG-13: crude and sexual humor, profanity, a brief drug reference.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. **C+**

"MILLION DOLLAR BABY": Clint Eastwood directs and stars in the story of an ambitious boxer, Maggie (Hilary Swank), and her crusty but adored trainer, Frankie (Eastwood). The picture is very good, mostly for the interesting twist it takes midway, but it's over-hyped and laced with trite elements, including the voice-over narration of Morgan Freeman, who plays Frankie's only friend and right-hand man. — M. Pols. (PG-13: violence, some disturbing images, thematic material and language.) 2 hours, 12 minutes. **B+**

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE": Jeremy Irons, Al Pacino and Joseph Fiennes star in this better-than-average Shakespeare retelling. Watching the film is like seeing a gallery of Renaissance paintings come to life, and while the effect is occasionally contrived, it mostly deepens the wonder and strangeness of the play. Judiciously trimmed to manageable length, this "Merchant" is, for the most part, faithful in letter and spirit to its source material. — A.O. Scott. (R: some nudity.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. **B+**

"OCEAN'S TWELVE": George Clooney's ultracute gang of thieves (Julia Roberts makes an even dozen) is back for another fun caper, this time in gorgeous European settings (Amsterdam, Paris, Rome), but their cuteness seems to have gone to their heads. They've turned into a true Rat Pack, celebrities who just want to have fun making movies together, no matter how thin the plot or how weak

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OPENING TODAY

Opening Today

"BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE" (PG)
Based on a best seller about a lonely girl who adopts an orphaned dog that helps her make friends in her small Florida town. Musician Dave Matthews makes his acting debut.

"CONSTANTINE" (R)
Keanu Reeves plays a man who can recognize the demons that walk the Earth in human form. With Rachel Weisz as a detective who needs his help.

"HER MAJESTY" (PG)
In 1953, a 13-year-old girl obsessed with meeting Queen Elizabeth is thrilled to hear that Her Majesty plans on visiting her small New Zealand town.

"NOBODY KNOWS" (PG-13)
Four siblings are left to fend for themselves in their apartment after their mother walks out on them. (In Japanese with subtitles.)

"RORY O'SHEA WAS HERE" (R)
Michael has cerebral palsy, and no one can understand what he says. Rory, who talks a mile a minute, has muscular dystrophy. The two young men embark on an independent-living experiment in Dublin.

"SON OF THE MASK" (PG)
In this sequel to the Jim Carrey hit, the son of a cartoonist (Jamie Kennedy) is born with the powers of the mask, which the jealous family dog wants to steal.

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday February 18

Alameda County

Ad 1 and 2
2001 Center Street, Berkeley 510-777-3456
Pat's Breakfast Club (R) 12.
●Nobody Knows (PG-13) 5, 8
●The 3 Parrots of Telegraph Hill (NR) 4:45, 7, 9:40

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave, Albany 510-777-3456
●Pride & Prejudice (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
●The Merchant of Venice (R) 1, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30

AMC Bay Street 16 ★
5614 Bay Street, Emeryville 510-457-4262
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40
●Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) 1:35, 5:05, 8:20, 11:15
●Constantine (R) 1:30, 2:30, 4:25, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:25, 11:30.
●Finding Neverland (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
●Hide and Seek (R) 3:30, 6, 8:25, 10:50.
●Hitch (PG-13) 1:15, 2:20, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:10, 7:15, 8:15, 8:45, 9:30, 10:20, 11.
●Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30.
●Meet the Fockers (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50.
●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 1:25, 4:30, 8, 10:55.
●Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior (R) 5:45, 8:10, 10:40.
●Napoleon's Heffalump Movie (G) 12:55, 1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 7.
●Racing Stripes (PG) 1, 3:20.
●Sideways (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:25, 10:30.

California Theatre
2251 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-777-3456
●Born into Brothels (R) 1, 3, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20.
●Throw Momma Deep Throat 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:35.
●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 1:10, 4, 7, 9:45

Chabot Space & Science Center ★
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 510-336-7300
●Cosmic Voyage (Not Rated) 7:30.
●Secrets of Nature (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:30, 7:30.
●Other Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30.

Elmwood 3
2966 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley 510-649-0530
●Closed for Remodeling.

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue Oakland 510-452-3556
●The Aviator (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:30
●Constantine (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
●Hitch (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20.
●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:35

Renaissance Oaks Theatre
1999 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-526-1836
●In Good Company (PG-13) 8:30.
●Napoleon's Heffalump Movie (G) 3, 5, 7.
●Sideways & The Mask (PG) 3:15, 5:40, 8.

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
●House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) 9:45.
●The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R) 7.
●Meet the Fockers (PG-13) 9:15.
●The Phantom of the Opera (PG-13) 6.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave, Oakland 510-777-3456
●Finding Neverland (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35.
●Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) 1, 3:45, 6:45, 9:25.
●Sideways (R) 1:15, 4, 7, 9:45

Regal Jack London ★
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
●Are we There Yet? 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
●The Aviator (PG-13) 12, 4, 8:05.
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 11:35, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
●Boogeyman 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:10.
●Constantine (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30.
●Hitch (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 9, 10:45.
●Million Dollar Baby 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05.
●Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 11:50, 1:40, 3:30, 5:20, 7:10.
●Son of the Mask 11:40, 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35

Shattuck Cinemas ★
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-777-3456
●Bad Education (NC-17) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10
●Being Julia (R) 1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15.
●Head-On (Not Rated) 4:05, 9:10.
●Her Majesty (PG) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35.
●Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10, 7, 9:45.
●The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30
●Ong-bak: Thai Warrior (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55
●Ray (PG-13) 3:35, 9:20.
●The Sea Inside (PG-13) 1, 6:40.
●Sideways (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50.
●A Very Long Engagement (R) 2, 5, 8.
●The Wedding Date (PG-13) 1:45, 5:55.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
●The Aviator (PG-13) 11:15, 2:45, 6:15, 9:45.
●Because of Winn-Dixie 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:45.
●Constantine (R) 11:30, 1:45, 2:15, 4:30, 5, 7:15, 7:45, 10, 10:30.
●Hide and Seek (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 8:15, 10:40.
●Hitch (PG-13) 11:20, 11:50, 2, 2:30, 4:45, 5:15, 7:30, 8, 10:15, 10:45.

United Artists Emery Bay ★
6330 Christie Ave, Emeryville 510-420-0492
●Are we There Yet? (PG) 12:15, 12:45, 2:20, 3, 4:30, 5:15, 7:10, 7:50, 9:20, 10:20.
●The Aviator (PG-13) 12, 4, 8.
●Being Julia (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5, 7:20, 10.
●Boogeyman (PG-13) 12:10, 12:50, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 7, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20.
●The Life Aquatic ... (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10.
●Ray (PG-13) 12:40, 4:20, 7:45.
●Son of the Mask (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7, 9:30.
●Wedding Date (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:30, 9:45.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre ★
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
●Finding Neverland (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.
●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:35.
●Sideways (R) 12:45, 3:45, 6:30, 9.

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
●Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.

Rheem All Stadium 4 ★
350 Park St, Moraga 925-988-3411
●The Aviator (PG-13) 12, 3:30, 7:15.
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 11:55, 2:45, 5, 7:25, 9:45
●Constantine (R) 12:05, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10
●Hitch (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop ★
3200 Kiose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
●Are we There Yet? (PG) 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35.
●The Aviator (PG-13) 1:05, 4:40, 8:15.
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 11:25, 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45.
●Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:05.
●Constantine (R) 11:15, 12:05, 1, 2, 2:55, 3:50, 4:50, 5:45, 6:40, 7:40, 8:35, 9:30, 10:25
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●Hitch (PG-13) 11:30, 12:10, 12:50, 2:15, 2:55, 3:35, 4:15, 4:55, 5:35, 6:20, 7, 7:35, 8:20, 9, 9:40, 10:20.
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●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 12:55, 4, 7:15, 10:10.
●Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior (R) 9.
●Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 11:35, 1:35, 3:25, 5:15, 7:05.
●Racing Stripes (PG) 11:20, 1:50.
●Son of the Mask (PG) 11:35, 1:45, 3:55, 6, 8:05, 10:15.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14 ★
1000 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-922-4262
●The Aviator (PG-13) 12, 3:30, 7:10, 10:15.
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 11:40, 2:15, 5, 7:40, 10:10.
●Boogeyman (PG-13) 12:45, 3:20, 5:40, 8:20, 10:35.
●Constantine (R) 11, 11:45, 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15, 7:30, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30, 12.
●Hide and Seek (R) 1:40, 11.
●Hitch (PG-13) 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:10, 3:15, 4:20, 5:10, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, 11:30, 12:15.
●In Good Company (PG-13) 11:15, 4:10, 6:45.
●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:50.
●Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior (R) 12:40, 3, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05.
●Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G) 11:30, 1:10, 2:50, 4:50, 7.
●Son of the Mask (PG) 12:50, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10.
●The Wedding Date (PG-13) 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 6:50, 10:45.

AMC Kabuki 8 ★
1881 Post St., San Francisco 415-922-4262
●The Aviator (PG-13) 11:45, 3:15, 7, 10:40.
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55.
●Constantine (R) 11, 1:55, 5, 8, 10:55.
●Hide and Seek (R) 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10.
●Hitch (PG-13) 11:15, 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30.
●Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15.
●Meet the Fockers (PG-13) 11:05, 2:05, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20.
●The Wedding Date (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30.

Bridge Theatre ★
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-777-3456
●Sideways (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:50.

Castro Theatre ★
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
●The Nomi Song (Not Rated) 7, 9:15.

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
●Inside Deep Throat (NC-17) 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

Embarcadero Center Cinemas ★
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-777-3456
●Being Julia (R) 1:30, 4, 7:15, 9:45
●Bride & Prejudice (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.
●A Very Long Engagement (R) 12:20, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
●The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill (Not Rated) 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7, 9:15.
●William Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice (R) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40.

Lumiere Theatre ★
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
●Bad Education (NC-17) 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:30
●Born into Brothels (R) 1, 3, 5, 7:15, 9:40
●Nobody Knows (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20

Opera Plaza Cinema ★
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-777-3456
●The Chorus (Les Choristes) (PG-13) 2, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
●Her Majesty (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40.
●Rory O'Shea was Here (Not Rated) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45.
●The Sea Inside (PG-13) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30.

The Red Vic Theatre ★
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
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The Roxie Theatre ★
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
●Head-On (Not Rated) 7, 9:20.
●In the Realms of the Unreal (Not Rated) 5:15.

Loews Theatres Metreon ★
101 Fourth St, San Francisco 415-369-6201
●The Aviator (PG-13) 11:10, 12:40, 4:50, 5:50, 8:40.
●Because of Winn-Dixie (PG) 10:40, 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20.
●Boogeyman (PG-13) 11:20, 1:40, 3:50, 6:10, 8:50, 11:20.
●Constantine (R) 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
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●Meet the Fockers (PG-13) 2:20, 7:50.
●Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 12:50, 2:40, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40, 10:40.
●Ong-bak: The Thai Warrior (R) 10:50, 1:10, 3:40, 6:20, 9:10, 11:50.
●Son of the Mask (PG) 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50.
●The Wedding Date (PG-13) 11:50, 5:10, 10:50.

Loews IMAX Theatre ★
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6201
●Aliens of the Deep (G) 10:30, 12:10, 1:50, 6, 7:40, 9:20.
●The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) 3:30.

United Artists Galaxy 4 ★
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8790
●Conspiracy of Silence (Not Rated) 4:15, 10.
●Finding Neverland (PG) 1:15, 4, 7:30, 10.
●Hotel Rwanda (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45.
●House of Flying Daggers (PG-13) 12:45, 7:15.
●Ray (PG-13) 1, 4:30, 8.

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the devices they use are (a meta-gag involving Roberts is just embarrassingly unimaginative). With Steven Soderbergh at the helm, the film is certainly easy on the eyes, but it's instantly forgettable. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. **C**

"ONG-BAK: THE THAI WARRIOR": In this martial arts spectacle, Thai superman Tony Jaa plays Ting, a country bumpkin who goes to Bangkok to retrieve the stolen head of his village's Buddha. There he encounters a corrupted former neighbor, not to mention a few street damsels in distress, a cancerous crime lord who smokes through his tracheotomy hole, and several big, bruising Western tourists stupid enough to challenge Ting to bar fights. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, nudity, drug use, language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **B**

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA": Tens of thousands of candles flicker throughout lavish Baroque sets. The Phantom glowers dramatically. Every bosom in sight heaves. Star-crossed lovers declare, in song, their undying devotion. There are red roses everywhere. The only thing missing is Mariah Carey, who would be right at home in this gaudy, senseless interpretation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's popular stage musical, directed by Joel Schumacher and starring the lovely young Emmy Rossum and Gerard Butler as a whiny, indecisive Phantom. — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief violent images.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. **C-**

"POOH'S HEFFALUMP MOVIE": Cute, cuddly and well-intentioned — all this you'd expect from an animated movie starring Winnie the Pooh and Co. But in this new adventure in the Hundred Acre Wood, you'll also get a parable about prejudice. One morning Pooh and his pals hear a noise that rattles their usual idyll; the crotchety Rabbit says the sound could only have been made by a Heffalump, an evildoer with "fiery eyes and a tail with a spike." — C. Lemire. (G) 1 hour, 8 minutes. **C**

"RACING STRIPES": Whereas the talking little piggy of "Babe" wanted to be a sheep-herding dog, the talking baby zebra of "Racing Stripes" wants to be a racehorse. And the farmer's daughter, Channing (Hayden Panettiere), wants to be a jockey. Together they sneak into the prestigious Kentucky Open, where Stripes competes against a spoiled thoroughbred. A menagerie of characters are voiced by such stars as Whoopi Goldberg, Dustin Hoffman and Frankie Muniz. — C. Lemire. (PG: crude humor, some language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **C**

"RAY": Jamie Foxx channels the late, great Ray Charles in this fascinating biopic that doesn't skim over the rough spots in the musician's past, including heroin addiction and much womanizing. But the movie suffers from the conundrum of being both too shallow and too long. — M. Pols. (R: a depiction of drug addiction, sexuality, some thematic elements.) 2 hours, 32 minutes. **B-**

"SIDEWAYS": Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church are two very different middle-aged men on a road trip through the Santa Barbara wine country in this just-about-perfect movie from director Alexander Payne ("Election," "About Schmidt"). Wickedly funny, with some of the best slapstick this year, but poignant, too. — M. Pols. (R: language, some strong sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. **A**

"VERA DRAKE": Vera (Imelda Staunton) is the cheeriest, most helpful gal in her dingy London neighborhood, circa 1950. She's also a backalley abortionist, "helping out" hundreds of poor women. Director Mike Leigh handles this incendiary topic with a bare-bones economy that goes straight to the heart of the legal and moral questions, without being overt or strident. The ensemble cast, particularly Staunton, is superb. — M. Pols. (R: adult themes.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. **A-**

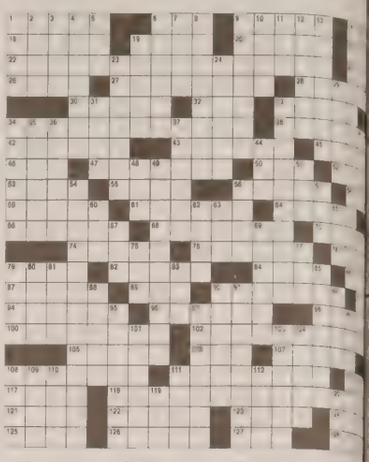
"A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT": Audrey Tautou stars in this odd but charming and stylish movie. The story begins in 1919, two years after Manech's court-martial and death sentence for intentionally wounding himself on the front, then disappearing. The official word is that he's dead. But the smart and superstitious Mathilde (Tautou) is not convinced. She engages the help of an exuberant private detective, and together they begin inching toward the truth. — C. Chocano. (R: graphic violence, some sexuality and nudity; in French with English subtitles.) 2 hours, 13 minutes. **B**

"THE WEDDING DATE": A single woman (Debra Messing) hires a male prostitute (Dermot Mulroney) to accompany her to a family wedding, hoping to make her former fiance jealous. Plays as a gender reversal of "Pretty Woman," with elements of plenty of other dumb date movies mixed in. Director Claire Kilner has an ear for making her actors sound almost like real people, even amid the absurd situation, and that's what saves the film from being a complete disaster. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content including dialogue.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **C-**

"WHAT THE #$*! DO WE KNOW?": Marlee Matlin stars in this lively exploration of quantum physics that mixes talking-head observations, giddy animation and a mini-drama about a photographer (Marlee Matlin) dealing with a failed love life. — R. Denerstein. (NR) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **B**

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121 Peevishness
122 "Good ___!"
123 Top-notch
124 He said "A lie told often enough becomes truth"
125 Bloomingdale's rival
126 Displaying no emotion
127 Stage
128 Miffed

DOWN

1 "___ of Wine, a Loaf of Bread ..."
2 Certain bond, slangily
3 German/Polish border river
4 Force into
5 Mysterious gift
6 Clientele
7 Mil. branch
8 Spanish wines
9 Breakwaters
10 It can be a lot
11 Year in Edward the Confessor's reign
12 Cape wearer
13 Guided
14 Where pa took his boy for a whipping?
15 Mine, to Mimu
16 1973 Gore Vidal political novel
17 Interrogates
19 Nerve
23 Lightens
24 City due west of the Everglades Parkway
29 Certain silicates
31 It's done in France all the time
33 How football's Jerry was addressed as a boy?
34 Site of the Potemkin mutiny
35 Part of an auto safety inspection
36 Plains orphans
37 Worked on the Street
39 Trompe l'___
40 Long haul
41 To be at the Colosseum
44 Prefix with center
48 Italian question starter
49 "I only have eyes for you," e.g.?
51 With 57-Down, ancient
54 Lothario's
56 Spanish lady
57 See 51-Down
60 Erie-to-Phila. dir.
62 Rosinantes
63 Former map inits.
65 W.W. I army: Abbr.
67 "___ had it!"
69 Yadda yadda yadda
71 Judo teacher
72 Woman's shoe
73 Pilgrim's destination
75 Hockey's Tikkanen
77 "___ who?"
79 Expectant cry
80 ___ colada
81 "___ falls on him who goes to seek it": Cervantes
83 Young newt
85 Marksman
88 Hair net
90 Winner, for sure
91 Outside the law
92 Grp. of battalions
95 Helps out quickly?
97 Severely criticize
99 More vast
101 Take
103 Checking a box, say
104 "The Sonnets of Orpheus" poet
108 Centers

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CB	Carte Blanche	$$	$7-$14
DC	Diners Club	$$$	$15-$20
DS	Discover Card	$$$$	$20+
MC	MasterCard		
VS	Visa	FB	Full Bar
AC	All Cards accepted	RR	Reservations recommended
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Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

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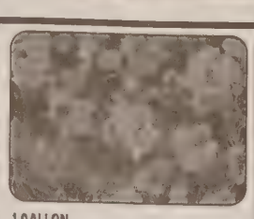
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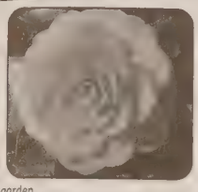
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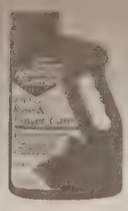
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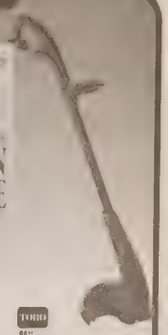
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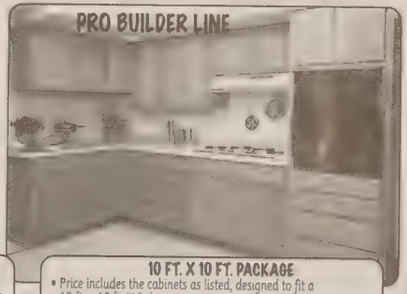
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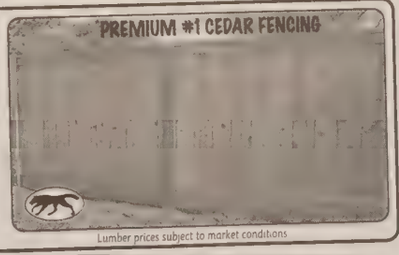


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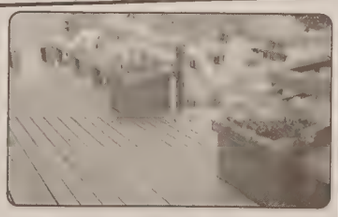
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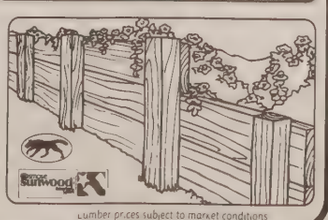
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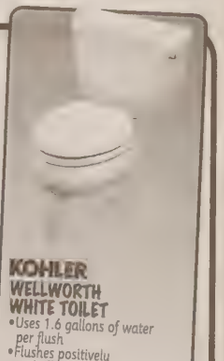


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Date of Filing Application: FEBRUARY 8, 2005
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are:
XUE DEZHI
ZHENG JIAN XING
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
2017 SHATTUCK AVE. BERKELEY, CA. 94704
Type of license(s) applied for:
41- ON-SALE BEER AND WINE EATING PLACE
OAKLAND District Office
1515 Clay Street Suite 2208
Oakland, CA 94612
510/622-4970
Legal Berkeley Voice #1600
Publish February 18, 2005.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES L. HANKINS aka JAMES LAWRENCE HANKINS CASE NUMBER: P04-01720

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JAMES L. HANKINS aka JAMES LAWRENCE HANKINS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: BILL D. HANKINS in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that (name) BILL D. HANKINS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 61, located at 725 Court Street P.O. Box 911, Martinez, CA 94553.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney For Petitioner:
Law Offices of James J. Phillips
A Professional Corporation
P.O. Box 10005, Pleasanton CA 94588
/s/ James J. Phillips
Signature of Attorney for Petitioner
Legal The Journal #2021
Publish February 18, 25, march 4, 2005.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MYRSAM H. WIXMAN aka MYRSAM WIXMAN CASE NO. RP04168631

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MYRSAM H. WIXMAN aka MYRSAM WIXMAN, deceased
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOHNATHAN SPRAGAN in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOHNATHAN SPRAGAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, by admitted to probate. The will and any codicils ar available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 15, 2005 at 9:30AM in Dept. 23 located at 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
Reece R. Halpern
Methven & Associates
2232 Sixth St.
Berkeley, CA. 94710
510-649-4019
Legal Berkeley Voice #1585
Publish February 11,18, 25, 2005.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KENNETH BRUCE HILLGARDNER CASE NUMBER: RP05197163

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: KENNETH BRUCE HILLGARDNER
PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ARYSE HILLGARDNER MCKAY in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that: ARYSE HILLGARDNER MCKAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 15, 2005 At 9:30am Dept. 23 det. 23 located at 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA. 94612.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner:
/s/Thomas Roland
P.O. Box 12217
Berkeley, CA. 94712-3217
510-841-1500
Legal Berkeley Voice #1589
Publish February 11, 18, 25, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARION L. LEBON CASE NO. RP05-194290

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MARION L. LEBON
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ARTHURINE TAYLOR in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARTHURINE TAYLOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, by admitted to probate. The will and any codicils ar available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 01, 2005 at 9:30AM in Dept. 23 located at 1221 OAK ST., OAKLAND, CA 94612
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk
Attorney for Petitioner
THE SHEPHERD LAW GROUP
MICHAEL SHEPHERD
4100-10 REDWOOD RD. #155
OAKLAND, CA. 94619
510-531-0129
Legal Berkeley Voice #1588
Publish February 11, 18, 25, 2005.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: CYNTHIA E. BATCHIE CASE NO. MSP04-01526

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of CYNTHIA E. BATCHIE
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LINDA PETERSEN in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LINDA PETERSEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 3/14/05 at 9:00AM in Dept. 61 Room: - located at 725 COURT STREET, MARTINEZ, CA 94553
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
CHARLES DREXLER
LAW OFFICE OF DREXLER & TOELKES
166 SANTA CLARA AVE.
OAKLAND, CA. 94610
Legal The Journal #2004
Publish February 11, 18, 25, 2005.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HENRIETTA GORDON CASE NO. P05-00039

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HENRIETTA GORDON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by KEDRA GORDON in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KEDRA GORDON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/21/05 at 9:00AM in Dept. 61 located at 725 COURT STREET, MARTINEZ, CA 94553
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner
RICHARD A. STONE
LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD A. STONE
433 N. CAMDEN DR., #888
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210
02/11/2005, 02/18/2005, 02/25/2005
CNS-777016#
Legal The Journal #2003
Publish February 11, 18, 25, 2005

Legal Notice

FILED
DATE, JANUARY 13, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 358325-26
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: 1) CALIFORNIA CANNABIS RESEARCH MEDICAL GROUP 2) SOCIETY OF CANNABIS CLINICIANS is located at 1168 Sterling Ave. in Berkeley, CA. 94708; mailing address PO Box 9143 Berkeley, CA. 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
California Cannabis Research Medical Group
1168 Sterling Ave.
Berkeley, CA. 94708
State of Incorporation California
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Tod H. Mikuriya
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: January 13, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1594
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
DATE, JANUARY 07, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 358024
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: EAST BAY CONSTRUCTION & HAULING is located at 1725 8th St. in Berkeley, CA 94710 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Eugenio Ortez
1725 8th St.
Berkeley, CA. 94710
Miguel Hernandez
2922 McKenzie Dr.
Richmond, CA. 94806
This business is conducted by: co-partners
/s/ Eugenio Ortiz
/s/ Miguel A. Hernandez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to trandsact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 7, 2005.
Expires on: January 07, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1592
Publish February 18, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2005.

FILED
DATE, JANUARY 20, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO 358576
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: GORDON AND WHYTE GARDENS is located at 3035 Deakin St. in Berkeley. CA. 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Julie Gordon
3035 Deakin St.
Berkeley, CA. 94705
Brian Whyte
3035 Deakin St.
Berkeley, CA. 94705
This business is conducted by: co-partners
/s/ Julie Gordon
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names or names listed above on January 1, 2005.
Expires on: January 20, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1597
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FILED
DATE, JANUARY 21, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 358653
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: ICHIBAN JAPANESE RESTAURANT is located at 2017 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley, CA. 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Dezhi Zue
469 47th Ave.
San Francisco, CA. 94121
Jian Xing Zheng
469 47th Ave.
San Francisco, CA. 94121
This business is conducted by: husband and wife
/s/ Dezhi Xue
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to trnsact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: January 21, 2010.
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FILED
DATE, JANUARY 18, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. SEQUEIRA Deputy
FILE NO. 358451
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: CHI FORCE INTERNATIONAL is located at 1815 Arch #107 in Berkeley, CA. 94709; mailing address 1798 Senic Dr #444 Berkeley, CA. 94709 is registered by the following owner(s):
Sarah Mohr
1815 Arch #107
Berkeley, CA. 94709
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Sarah Mohr
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 18, 2004.
Expires on: January 18, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1586
Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2005

FILED
JANUARY 25, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By Y. WILLIAMS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-764
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: CROCKETT CONTEMPORARY ART is located at 1538 Porlona St. in Crockett, CA. 94525 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Diana Lynn
1235 Lillian St.
Crockett, CA. 94525
Skip Shimmin
1235 Lillian St.
Crockett, CA. 94525
This business is conducted by: husband and wife
/s/ Diana Lynn
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 25, 2005.
Expires January 25. 2010
Legal The Journal #2019
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
FEBRUARY 03, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-1132
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: RIO GIRL BRAZILIAN IMPORTS is located at 3020 El Cerrito Plaza #523 in el Cerrito, CA 94530 is hereby registered to the following owner(s).
Russell Ballati
622 Curtis St.
Albany, CA. 94706
Renata Ballati
622 Curtis St.
Albany, CA. 94706
This business is conducted by: husband and wife
/s/ Russell Ballati
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 03, 2005.
Expires February 03, 2010
Legal The Journal #2016
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 27, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS. Deputy
FILE NO 2005-868
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: PERFECT INTERIORS is located at 1101 Yarrow Place in Richmond, CA. 94806 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Flavio Castro Silva
1101 Yarrow Place
Richmond, CA. 94806
Nagela Castro
1101 Yarrow Place
Richmond, CA. 94806
This business is conducted by: a general partnership
/s/ Flavio Silva
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 20, 2005.
Expires January 20, 2010
Legal The Journal #2005
Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 05, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-151
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MARTINEZ RECYCLING is located at 4620 Pacheco Blvd. in Martinez, CA. 94553 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Paul Dennis Fletcher
4620 Pacheco Blvd.
Martinez, CA. 94553
Ryan Paul Fletcher
4620 Pacheco Blvd.
Martinez, CA. 94553
This business is conducted by: a General Partnership
/s/ Ryan Fletcher
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 05, 2005.
Expires January 05, 2010
Legal The Journal #2002
Publish February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005.

FILED
DATE, JANUARY 07, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. SEQUEIRA Deputy
FILE NO 357998
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FRIENDLY AIRPORT LIMO is located at 5901 Vallejo St. Unit D in Emeryville, CA. 94608 is registered by the following owner(s):
Balbir Sambhi
5901 Vallejo St. Unit D
Emeryville, CA. 94608
Rajwinder Sambhi
5901 Vallejo St. Unit D
Emeryville, CA. 94608
This business is conducted by: husband and wife
/s/ Balbir Sambhi
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: January 7, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1581
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FILED
DATE, JANUARY 31, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 359040
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SAN PABLO SMOG TEST ONLY CENTER is located at 6305 San Pablo Ave. in Oakland, CA. 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Herman Tse
1010 Carleton St. #A
Berkeley, CA. 94710
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Herman Tse
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: January 31, 2010
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FILED
DATE, FEBRUARY 1, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 359122
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SUPER MODELS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH is located at 81 Alvarado Rd. in Berkeley, CA. 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
James G. Kahn
81 Alvarado Rd.
Berkeley, CA. 94705
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ James G. Kahn
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: February 01, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1593
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FILED
JANUARY 26, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By Y. WILLIAMS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-811
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LIVE OAK LANDSCAPE is located at 1335 Peralta Ave. in Berkeley, CA. 94702 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Live-Oak Landscape and Design Inc
1335 Peralta Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94702
State of Incorporation California
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Judith Brandes Collier
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 26, 2005.
Expires January 26, 2010
Lega The Journa. #2009
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FILED
JANUARY 12, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By M. OLIVER, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-401
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: PANINI PETIT is located at 1018 Sheppard Rd. in Walnut Creek, CA. 94598 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Carly Baumann
1028 Sheppard Rd.
Walnut Creek, CA. 94598
Chris Baumann
1028 Sheppard Rd.
Walnut Creek, CA. 94598
This business is conducted by: husband and wife
/s/ Carly Baumann
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 12, 2005.
Expires January 12, 2010
Legal The Journal #2000
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FILED
DATE, JANUARY 14, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. SEQUEIRA Deputy
FILE NO. 358423
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: NEW BETHLEHEM PRAYER OUTREACH MINISTRY is located at 2870 Adeline St. #316 in Berkeley, CA 94703 is registered by the following owner(s):
Rev. Dr. Jerald Hightower
2870 Adeline St. #316
Berkeley, CA. 94703
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Jerald Hightower
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: January 14, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1584
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FILED
DATE, JANUARY 27, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 358943
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: OLIVIA is located at 1453 Dwight Way in Berkeley, CA. 94702 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Nathan E. Peterson
603 Santa Rosa Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94707
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Nathan E. Peterson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: February 01, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1598
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FILED
DATE, FEBRUARY 8, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. IRVING.. Deputy
FILE NO. 359448
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MANIFEST is located at 1410 Addison St. #B in Berkeley, CA. 94702 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Christopher Burger
1410 Addison St. #B
Berkeley, CA. 94702
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Chris Burger
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: February 01, 2010
Legal Berkeley Voice #1595
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FILED
JANUARY 21, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By C. GARCIA, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-675
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: AIRLITE INSTALLATIONS is located at 3660 A Morgan Territory Rd., in Clayton, Ca. 94517; mailing address PO Box 856 Clayton, CA. 94517 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Airlite Installations
State of Incorporation California
This business is conducted by: an corporation
/s/ Timothy D. Allen Sr.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 21, 2005.
Expires January 21, 2010
Legal The Journal #2008
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FILED
DATE, FEBRUARY 1, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. SEQUEIRA Deputy
FILE NO. 359146
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: WINDOW CONCEPTS is located at 1650 A Solano Ave. in Albany, CA. 94706 is registered by the following owner(s):
Heidi Celeste Hughes
1347 Santa Fe Ave.
Berkeley, CA. 94702
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Heidi Hughes
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: February 1, 2005
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FILED
DATE, DECEMBER 30, 2004
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. SEQUEIRA Deputy
FILE NO. 357684
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: DIG IN is located at 2838 Grant St. in Berkeley, CA. 94703 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Odin Zackman
2838 Grant St.
Berkeley, CA. 94703
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Odin Zackman
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
The registrant commeced tso transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 1, 2003
Expires on: December 30, 2009
Legal Berkeley Voice #1579
Publish January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2005

FILED
FEBRUARY 02, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-1062
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. SHORES BOOKKEEPING SERVICE is located at 1326 S. 51st St. in Richmond, CA. 94804 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Linda A. Shores
861 Kern St.
Richmond, CA. 94805
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Linda A. Shores
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 02, 2005.
Expires February 02, 2010
Legal The Journal #2017
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
FEBRUARY 02, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By C. SULLIVAN, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-1074
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: LITTLE HONG KONG RESTAURANT is located at 10443 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Guo Wei Yang
834 Stannage Ave.
Albany, CA. 94706
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Guo Wei Yang
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 02, 2005.
Expires February 02, 2010
Legal The Journal #2011
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FILED
JANUARY 27, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-893
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: OCEANVIEW MONTESSORI DAYCARE is located at 717 Clayton Ave. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Ronna Brodsley
717 Clayton Ave.
El Cerrito, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Ronna Brodsley
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 27, 2005.
Expires January 27, 2010
Legal The Journal #2010
Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2005

FILED
JANUARY 12, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-368
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SPECIALTY TOOLS FOR PROS is located at 6506 Eureka Ave. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Martin Zeitman
6506 Eureka Ave.
El Cerrito, CA. 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Martin Zeitman
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 07, 2005.
Expires January 12, 2010
Legal The Journal #1997
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FILED
JANUARY 18, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-517
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: AMANDA TAXI AND LIMOUSINE is located at 1080 Hill Top Drive in Richmond, CA. 94806 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Ghazi Rashad Mughrabi
3063 Baywood Lane
San Pablo, CA. 94806
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Ghazi Mughrabi
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 18, 2005
Expires January 18, 2010
Legal The Journal #1995
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FILED
JANUARY 07, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-241
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: URBAN FOREST CONSULTING is located at 267 A Arlington Ave. in Kensington, CA. 94707 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Laura Alber
4316 Everett Ave.
Oakland, C. 94602
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Laura Alber
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 4, 2004
Expires January 07, 2010
Legal The Journal #1994
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FILED
DATE, JANUARY 03, 2005
PATRICK O'CONNELL
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By /s/ T. SEQUEIRA Deputy
FILE NO. 357771
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FORTIUS DESIGN is located at 2228 Dwight Way #3 in Berkeley, CA. 94704 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
Reuben Sandler
2228 Dwight Way #3
Berkeley, CA. 94704
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Reuben Sandler
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed.
Expires on: January 3, 2010
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FILED
FEBRUARY 07, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO 2005 1246
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: RHYTHM ETHICS PRODUCTIONS is located at 1212 Oak Hill Ct in Pinole, CA. 94564 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Vadim Ananyev
1212 Oak Hill Ct.
Pinole, CA. 94564
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Vadim Ananyev
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 07, 2005.
Expires February 07, 2010
Legal The Journal #2020
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
FEBRUARY 04, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By C. SULLIVAN, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-1177
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FINDERS/KEEPERS is located at 5327 Cypress Ave. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530-2112 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
James Barton Evans
5327 Cypress Ave.
El Cerrito, CA. 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ James Barton Evans
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 04, 2005.
Expires February 04, 2010
Legal The Journal #2018
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 31, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-997
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: JOANNE COSTA HAIR DESIGN is located at 160 Sunset Dr. in San Ramon, CA. 94583 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Joanne Costa
10853 McPeak Lane
Dublin, CA. 94568
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Joanne Costa
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 31, 2005.
Expires January 31, 2010
Legal The Journal #2015
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 21 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By C. GARCIA, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-691
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: PURE BLUE POOL SERVICE is located at 24 Dellwood Ct. in Pleasant Hill, Ca. 94523 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Gregory Darby
24 Dellwood Ct.
Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Greg Darby
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 21, 2005.
Expires January 21, 2010
Legal The Journal #2007
Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 20, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-619
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SKIN BY GINA is located at 25 D Crescent Drive in Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Gina Mendez
1825 Premier Place
Concord, CA. 94520
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Gina Mendez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 20, 2005.
Expires January 20, 2010
Legal The Journal #2006
Publish February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 18, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-556
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: BURGESS REALTY is located at 1125 B. Arnold Dr. Suite 170 in Martinez, CA. 94553 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Morgan Burgess
8 Lancaster Circle #130
Bay Point, CA. 94565
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Morgan Burgess
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 18, 2005.
Expires January 18, 2010
Legal The Journal #2001
Publish February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 20, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-616
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SKIN BY ELENI is located at 25 D Crescent Dr. in Pleasant Hill, CA. 94523 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Eleni Frediani
3315 Kansas St.
Oakland, CA. 94602
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Eleni Frediani
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 20, 2005.
Expires January 20, 2010
Legal The Journal #1996
Publish January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2005.

FILED
JANUARY 14, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By R RAMIREZ Deputy
FILE NO 2005 482
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: TONE COMPONENTS is located at 732 Norvell St. in El Cerrito, CA. 94530 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Bryan M. Sanborn
732 Norvell St.
El Cerrito, CA. 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Bryan Sanborn
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on January 14, 2005
Expires January 14, 2010
Legal The Journal #1992
Publish January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2005.

Filed January 19, 2005
S.L. Weir, County Clerk
Contra Costa County
By C. GARCIA, Deputy
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name VIA THE STORK at 2440 Sand Creek Rd. E-2 in Brentwood, CA. 94513
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on 11/00/02 under file number 2002-07-0008802
Diane M. Johnson
50 Haystack Ct.
Brentwood, CA. 94513
This business was conducted by an individual
/s/ Diane M. Johnson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Legal The Journal #2014
Publish: February 18, 25, 2005, March 4, 11, 2005

Filed January 19, 2005
S.L. Weir, County Clerk
Contra Costa County
By C. GARCIA, Deputy
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following person(s) has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name VIA THE STORK at 2440 Sand Creek Rd. E-2 in Brentwood, CA 94513
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on 2/21/03 under file number 2003-07-0001527-00
Thelma & Louise Inc.
2440 Sand Creek Rd. E2
Brentwood, CA. 94513
This business was conducted by a corporation
/s/ Diane M Johnson
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on the date indicated by file stamp above.
Legal The Journal #2013
Publish: February 18, 25, 2005, March 4, 11, 2005

FILED
JANUARY 06, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By P. CORNELIUS, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-199
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: IFA SOURCE is located at 5420 Edgeview Dr. in Discovery Bay, CA. 94514 is hereby registered to the following owner(s):
Amy Chen
5420 Edgeview Dr.
Discovery Bay, CA. 94514
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Amy Chen
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indi cated by file stamp above.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on n/a
Expires January 06, 2010
Legal The Journal #1993
Publish January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2005.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)
Escrow No. 3073B-2

Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.

The names and business addresses of the seller are:
WICKED CORPORATION
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
NESSER ZAHRIEH, PRESIDENT
WALEE ZAHRIEH, VP
2431 TELEGRAPH AVE.
BERKELEY, CA. 94704

The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: (If "same as above", so state)
614 NATIONAL AVE.
MT. VIEW, CA. 94043

As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: (If "none" so state.)
NONE

The names and business addresses of the buyer are:
TELEGRAPH AVE SDF, INC
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
STEVEN D. FIELER JR., PRESIDENT
2431 TEEGRAPH AVE.
BERKELEY, CA. 94704

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, NAME

are located at:
2431 TELEGRAPH AVE
BERKELEY, CA. 94704

The business name used by the seller at that location is: WICKED

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 9, 2005 at the office of D. L. VERDECK ESCROW CO., INC., 4112 PARK BLVD., OAKLAND, CA 94602

This bulk sale IS subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is D. L. Verdeck Escrow Co., Inc., 4112 Park Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602

and the last date for filing claims shall be MARCH 8, 2005 which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: FEBRUARY 9, 2005

TELEGRAPH AVE. SDF, INC
A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
/s/ STEVEN D. FIELER, JR. PRESIDENT
(Signature of Buyer)
Legal Berkeley Voice #1601
Publish February 18, 2005.

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Legal Notice

Loan: HAO / HAN Other: 4272150 File: F04-09-01 LRC A.P.N. 502-172-002-3 Notice of Trustee's Sale under Deed Of Trust YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED December 31, 2003, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that Chicago Title Company, a California corporation, as Trustee, or Successor Trustee, Or Substituted Trustee pursuant to the Deed Of Trust executed by Yongjun Hao and Yan Han, husband and wife, as Community property recorded on 1/6/2004 as Instrument No. 2004 0004517 00 in book N/A, page N/A, of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice Of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 10/27/2004 in book N/A, page N/A, as Instrument No. 411797 of said official records, will sell on 2/25/2005 at At the Court St. entrance to the County Courthouse 725 Court St., (corner of Main and Court St.) Martinez, CA at 01:30 PM public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed Of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described: Lots 4 and 5 in block 10, as designated on the map entitled "map of North Berkeley Terrace", which map was filed in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, on November 2, 1908, in book 1 of maps, at page 26. APN: 502-172-002-3 The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7220 Mound Ave, El Cerrito, CA The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the notice of sale is: $214,980.13 Said amount will increase until date of sale. In addition to cash, the trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association or Savings Bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this State. In the event tender other than cash is accepted the trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said note fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and the trusts created by said Deed Of Trust. Sale information can be obtained on line at www.prioritypostlng.com automated sales information please call (7140 573-1965 Dated: 1/28/2005 Chicago Title Company, a California Corporation as said Trustee 7330 N. Palm Ave., Suite 101 (93711), P.O. Box 60016 Fresno, California 93794-0016 (559) 451-3700 by: L. R. Cavalla Assistant Secretary P226189. 2/4, 2/11, 02/18/2005
Legal The Journal #1998
Publish February 4, 11, 18, 2005

Trustee Sale No. FC12989-5 Loan No. 140A-1770LAL Title Order No. 2120345 APN 058-2205-006 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/17/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/10/2005 at 12:00PM, Foreclosurelink, Inc. as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on November 24, 2003 as Instrument No. 2003692096 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, executed by: Laura Ingelund as Trustor, Fred Koopman dba Ward Realty, as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. At: At the Fallon St emergency exit to the Alameda County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St. Oakland, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust The debt is additionally secured by Deed of Trust recorded in Contra Costa County as Instrument No. 2003 0504896-00 on 11/24/03. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 1770 La Loma Avenue Berkeley, CA 94709. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: $296 962.62 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The Undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 2/9/2005 Foreclosurelink, Inc. 5006 Sunrise Blvd, Suite 200 Fair Oaks CA 95628 (916) 962-3453 Sale Information Line (714) 573-1965 Lauren Meyer, Sr. Trustee Sale Officer P226677. 2/18, 2/25, 03/04/2005
Legal Berkeley Voice #1591
Publish February 18, 25, March 4, 2005

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 8626 Loan No. 21170014123455/HASAN Title Order No. 2333011 You Are in Default under a Deed of Trust, Dated 03/08/93 Unless You Take Action to Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold at a Public Sale. If You Need an Explanation of the Nature of the Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact a Lawyer. On March 11, 2005 at 01.30 PM, MTDS, INC., a California Corporation DBA



TOM PAIVA/PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

ABOARD: The Pacific Princess takes a break at its dock along San Francisco Embarcadero.

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ruise lines, Driscoll said, oc-ally visit ports "to see how work, so maybe down the they'll have cruises from ports. It gives them the lay e land."

s possible, however, that ny may eliminate its San sco departures to Mexico ent spring. If that happens, Monterey will drop from its itineraries.

"The market demand for San Francisco departures was slightly better than neutral," said Jamie Haller, director of deployment and itinerary planning for Celebrity, which is owned by Royal Caribbean Cruises. "But at the same time, we've fulfilled our strategy of expanding our brand to the West Coast. So given the revenue response, and the fact that San Francisco is an expensive port to operate in, we've decided to scale those back."

Gerry Roybal, maritime marketing manager at the Port of San Francisco, said he hopes that Celebrity will choose to stay. But even if that doesn't happen, other cruise lines may move in.

"Celebrity and Royal Caribbean will have time to assess our improvements and see where we're heading as a base port," said Roybal, noting improvements to the existing port and plans to begin construction on a new port in 2007. "I know our port can support that market."

San Francisco's strength as a home port will keep cities like Monterey in the picture for cruise lines that want to spotlight California cities on their itineraries. For Bay Area cruisers, it means not having to take a flight to start a cruise.

"You beat all the hassles of flying to L.A." Driscoll said.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST-SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. **"Kafka On the Shore,"** by Haruki Murakami. (Knopf, $25.95.)
2. **"The Broker,"** by John Grisham (Doubleday, $27.95.)
3. **"The Five People You Meet in Heaven,"** by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, $16.95.)
4. **"The Da Vinci Code,"** by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, $24.95.)
5. **"The Plot Against America,"** by Philip Roth. (Houghton Mifflin, $26.)
6. **"Gilead,"** by Marilynne Robinson (FSG, $23.)
7. **"Sight Hound,"** by Pam Houston (Norton, $23.95.)
8. **"The Final Solution,"** by Michael Chabon. (Fourth Estate, $16.95.)
9. **"State of Fear,"** by Michael Crichton. (HarperCollins, $27.95.)
10. **"I Am Charlotte Simmons,"** by Tom Wolfe. (FSG, $28.95.)

Nonfiction

1. **"Collapse,"** Jared Diamond. (Viking, $29.95.)
2. **"Blink,"** by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, $25.95.)
3. **"French Women Don't Get Fat,"** Mireille Giuliano. (Knopf, $22.)
4. **"America (The Book),"** by Jon Stewart, et. al. (Warner, $24.95.)
5. **"Confessions of an Economic Hit Man,"** John Perkins. (Berrett-Koehler, $24.95.)
6. **"Chronicles,"** by Bob Dylan. (S&S, $24.)
7. **"He's Just Not That into You,"** by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo. (Simon & Schuster, $19.95.)
8. **"God's Politics,"** by Jim Wallis. (HarperSanFrancisco, $24.95.)
9. **"Animals in Translation,"** by Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson (Scribner, $25.)
10. **"Big Bang: The Origin of the Universe,"** by Simon Singh. (Fourth Estate, $27.95.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. **"The Kite Runner,"** by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, $14.)
2. **"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,"** by Mark Haddon. (Vintage, $12.)
3. **"The Time Traveler's Wife,"** by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest, $14.)
4. **"The Full Cupboard of Life,"** by Alexander McCall Smith. (Anchor, $11.95.)
5. **"Middlesex,"** by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, $15.)
6. **"The Birth of Venus,"** by Sarah Dunant. (Random House, $13.95.)
7. **"The Confessions of Max Tivoli,"** by Andrew Sean Greer. (Picador, $14.)
8. **"The Known World,"** by Edward P. Jones. (Amistad, $13.95.)
9. **"The Shadow of the Wind,"** by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
10. **"The Secret Life of Bees,"** by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, $14.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. **"Don't Think of An Elephant,"** by George Lakoff. (Chelsea Green, $10.)
2. **"Bad Cat,"** by Jim Edgar. (Workman, $9.95.)
3. **"Reading Lolita in Tehran,"** by Azar Nafisi. (Random House," $13.95.)
4. **"The Tipping Point,"** by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, $14.95.)
5. **"The Devil in the White City,"** by Erik Larson. (Vintage, $14.95.)
6. **"The Bookseller of Kabul,"** by Asdne Seierstad. (Back Bay, $12.95.)
7. **"Under the Banner of Heaven,"** by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor, $14.95.)
8. **"The Hidden Messages in Water,"** by Masaru Emoto. (Beyond Words, $16.95.)
9. **"Good Luck Life,"** by Rosemary Gong. (HarperResource, $14.95.)
10. **"Zagat San Francisco/Bay Area Restaurants,"** (ZagatSurvey, $12.95.)

Mass market paperback

1. **"Angels & Demons,"** by Dan Brown. (Pocket, $7.99.)
2. **"High Country,"** by Nevada Barr (Berkley, $7.99.)
3. **"The Bookman's Promise,"** by John Dunning. (Pocket Star, $7.99.)
4. **"In the Moon of Red Ponies: A Billie Bob Holland Novel,"** by James Lee Burke. (Pocket, $7.99.)
5. **"The Last Juror,"** by John Grisham. (Dell, $7.99.)

— Northern California Independent Booksellers Association

Dixie' pooch, movie qually warm, fuzzy

By Chris Hewitt
KNIGHT RIDDER

g and homespun, "Because Dixie" is the movie equiv-f a grilled cheese sandwich Cline's voice.

warm feelings about Dixie" are summed up by ment of a scene near the (AnnaSophia Robb), a lonely girl, is throwing for the friends she has a tiny Florida town. A a, played by musician Matthews, doesn't know how happy/scared be there.

he really wants to say is to have friends" or "Do worry that nobody else us, or is it just me?" In-keeps saying "I brought And the response, from ntric gal played by Cicely is simple and heartfelt: d you did."

ed on Minneapolis writer DiCamillo's novel, "Because n-Dixie" does not strive to effects or teach us It's content to let people as they do, expressing motions sparely and re-themselves in small, ful doses. You sense people would like to reach each other if they weren't ad scared to do it. So, in-of reaching out, they bring , and it amounts to the ing

e pickles are a trick that every time: Whenever Dixie" is about to get a lit-mental, it cuts the mush like. There's restraint in Wang's direction and in ting, particularly Jeff performance as Opal's Atticus Finchy dad. His wife — Opal's mom — has bailed on them, which a lesser actor would interpret as a chance for some may-I-have-the-envelope-please emoting. Daniels should be on the "underrated" list ahead of Jeff Bridges and Dennis Quaid, who are called underrated so often they're practically overrated; here, he lets us intuit the feelings beneath the things he doesn't say about his wife.

"Winn-Dixie" doesn't demonize the wife/mom who has left her family. DiCamillo's story has compassion for all its confused, flawed people, and Wang shares her unwillingness to condescend to these characters (there are only 2,524 people in Naomi, Fla., but, unlike the residents of other Hollywood small towns, they have laptops, color TVs and shoes).

He also shares her sympathy for the frailties of human beings, and I'm guessing he loves dogs. The Winn-Dixie of the title is a stray who helps Opal make friends. You might quibble with the special-effects grin "Winn-Dixie" gives him, but the movie is mostly interested in discovering the humor in the way a dog actually behaves.

A fuzzy, sneezy bulldozer of a pooch, Winn-Dixie makes every scene he's in feel real because a dog cannot fake the way he reacts when he's enjoying some peanut butter or the way his tongue snakes out of his mouth to taste the toothpaste when his teeth are being brushed. In the movies, dogs are like babies — they are so incapable of lying that they force everyone around them to respond truthfully.

Which, of course, is the point of the whole story. The people in "Because of Winn-Dixie" are wary of each other, but who could fail to respond to a lovable, crazy dog? There is magic in that dog. And in "Because of Winn-Dixie."

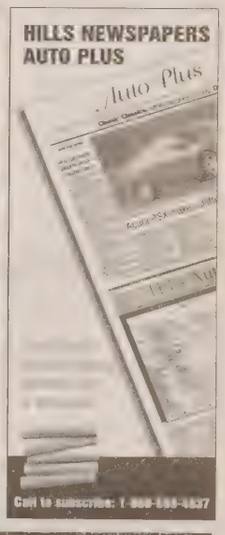
REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Because of Winn-Dixie"
- **STARRING:** AnnaSophia Robb, Jeff Daniels, Eva Marie Saint, Cicely Tyson, Dave Matthews
- **RATING:** PG (thematic elements and brief, mild language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 40 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** B+



TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

OPAL (AnnaSophia Robb) makes new friends with the help of an adopted stray in "Because of Winn-Dixie."



OPTIONS AND CLASSES

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- **...s Old Town Theatre Group** — ...e River and Through the ...1-4 p.m. Feb. 27 and 7-9 ...ch 1. Three men (30-80) and ...men (25-80). Cold read from ...p pay. Rehearsals three ...r evenings a week. 140 W. J ...ek. 707-745-2118.
- **...ders Theatre** — "You Can't ...Me You," 7:30 p.m. March 14 ...Large cast with many charac-...Gary Wright, 510-304-4124.
- **...Costa Children's Chorus** — ...interviews are now being ...d for the 2005 spring semes-...s and girls ages 6-14. Program ...singing of varied repertoire in ...languages, sight-singing in-...and performing. 925-945-...Ext. 200.
- **...Women's Chorale** — Wel-...new members. Rehearsals ...mondays for the spring con-...Lutheran Church, 2317 ...Alta Ave., Walnut Creek. 925-...
- **...Chorus** — Sing a variety of ...from popular to classical to ...bers will learn sight-reading, musicianship and vocal technique. 3-5 p.m. Fridays. Based in Walnut Creek. 925-370-1695.
- **STAGE Troupe** — "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 2 or 9, Winslow Center, 2590 Pleasant Hill Road, at Taylor Boulevard, Pleasant Hill. Students, grades 5-college. Prepare a one-minute monologue and be ready to move onstage. Rehearsals: April 16-June 4. Performances: June 9-19. Fee, $99-$115. 925-682-0896
- **Star Quest 2005** — "All That Jazz," 13th annual Youth Talent Show, late February and early March. For kindergarten through 12th-graders who live in Pleasant Hill or within the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District. Applications due by Feb. 11. All types of performers are welcome. No application fees. Performance: April 16. 925-682-0896.
- **Valley Concert Chorale** — March 14 and 21 in Livermore. Experienced choral singers who enjoy performing a wide range of music from classical to contemporary. Rehearsals Monday evenings. For appointment: 925-462-4205, www.valleyconcertchorale.org.
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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Wahl keeps plans under her hat

WHATEVER THE female equivalent of "mensch" is, it fits Jan Wahl, "The Hat Lady," KRON's high-profile movie critic. (Wahl also does entertainment reports for KCBS Radio).

With Wahl, who's been at Channel 4 for 15 years now, what you see is what you get. In person, she's just as jovial as her on-air persona. We both agreed that "Kinsey" was the best movie of 2004, so that seemed to be a good place to start at lunch the other day.

"I got some nasty hate mail on that one," says Wahl with a sigh. "The religious right really hated that movie, and they kept it out of a lot of theaters. I even had to turn one letter over to the police."

But Wahl's mood lightens as she talks about her upcoming cruise to Vietnam and Thailand, places she's never seen. She gives talks about movies on cruises, and she says she always asks people in her classes "What movie most impacted you when you were growing up?"

Wahl herself grew up in Los Angeles, around movie people who'd been blacklisted, and she loves to talk about the business.

After an hour of pleasant conversation, I finally get up the courage to ask the chatty Wahl about reports I hear from KRON sources that she's counting the days until her Channel 4 contract expires in December. Is it true she's determined to leave the station and its sagging morale, that she wants to jump to KPIX?

At this, the normally voluble Wahl turns uncharacteristically serious. Finally she replies, "No comment."

MEDIA NOTES: How bad are things at KRON these days? Channel 4 sports anchor Gary Radnich semi-joked on his KNBR Radio show recently, "KRON is so tight with a buck we wouldn't send Vernon Glenn (KRON's weekend sports anchor) to Pebble Beach unless we'd gotten trade-out (free hotels/meals/car for promotional consideration) ..."

Several KRON personalities have preceded Wahl to KPIX. One is Channel 5's medical expert, Dr. Kim Mulvihill. Wahl says that Mulvihill, an ob-gyn by training, got into television after developing a severe skin reaction to latex gloves. Mulvihill, who looked painfully ill-at-ease when she first started working at KRON a few years ago, has developed a far more relaxed on-air persona — without being slick ... Wahl also won't comment on reports that she was furious about being assigned to do one weekend show entirely from a local bridal fair.

TALENT AS SHILL: Need further proof of the devaluation/increasing client-friendliness of local broadcasting? It's bad enough that we have to hear KCBS traffic reporter Sheryl Raines shilling for a local bedding company — and bringing her young child into the spots. Now her co-worker, veteran KCBS sports anchor Hal Ramey, has been enlisted to do ... dog-food commercials. Ramey tell us on-air that his pooch is involved in something called "The Purina I Challenge." Woof. What's next — classy KCBS morning anchor Stan Bunger doing personal endorsements for Folger's? ...

SUPREME SECRETARY: I'd been trying to put my finger on Condi "Empty Suit" Rice's look. But Aussie columnist Mike Carlton of the Sydney Morning Herald nailed it. In a scathing piece about our new top diplomat, Carlton wrote: "The more I see of her gleaming teeth and her fiberglass helmet of hair and her perky confidence, the more I am convinced that back in the '60s she used to be Cindy Birdsong, up there beside Diana Ross as one of the Supremes of Motown fame. I don't think it's a good idea to let her make a comeback as Secretary of State."

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsmann@sonic.net.



CATALINA ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BIG CRUISE LINES have taken a shine to the Golden State, stopping even in smaller ports like Catalina Island, seen here, and Monterey.

Coastal cruising

Alluring port cities offer a new look at California

By Michael Martinez
KNIGHT RIDDER

Step onto a cruise ship in San Francisco and chances are you're headed south to Mexico or north to Alaska. To cruise fanatics, the lure of the Inside Passage or the white sand beaches of the Mexican Riviera never gets old.

But cruise lines are always looking to add a new wrinkle to their itineraries — even if the wrinkle is no farther than a nearby port in California.

Whether it's a cruise that pulls into a scenic coastal spot or a trip up the Napa River to sip fine wines, the Golden State is becoming a must-see for inveterate and first-time cruisers alike.

Celebrity Cruises is now offering two seven-night California Coastal cruises in April that embark in San Francisco and make stops in Monterey, Los Angeles, Catalina and San Diego — with just one stop in a foreign port, Ensenada, Mexico — before returning home. NCL America will call on Monterey and Catalina for the first time this year during repositioning cruises to Seattle and Los Angeles. And Princess Cruises will stop at both Catalina and San Diego on all 11 of its Mexican Riviera cruises in 2005. "For repeat cruisers who are running out of places to go, it's a beautiful coastline," said Mike Driscoll, editor of Cruise Week, an industry newsletter. "Cruise lines are looking for new itineraries because more and more people are looking for different places to see."

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> — Mike Driscoll, Cruise Week editor

Wine country cruises have been around for some time, but their popularity is growing. Currently, three companies — CruiseWest, Clipper Cruise Line and American Safari Cruises — offer sailings to the Napa-Sonoma region. Another company, Great American River Journeys, is expected to begin similar trips in 2006.

But why would anyone travel by water when it's simpler — and cheaper — to jump in a car and make the drive, even for out-of-towners?

"People are going for the experience," said Martha Wharton, a spokeswoman for CruiseWest, which runs three- and four-night trips starting Sept. 30. "They want to do something different. They want to get more deeply into whatever the place or experience is they're doing. They're not just tourists."

And if itineraries matter, both the big cruise lines and the smaller companies sailing in the San Francisco Bay have options to suit newbies and regulars:

■ In Monterey, for instance, Celebrity's shore excursions include a tour of the 17-Mile Drive, visits to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Carmel Mission, and a kayak trip through the bay that's perfect for beginners.

■ In Catalina, Princess offers inland motor trips to view bison and boar, tours of the art deco Catalina Casino, a ride in a glass-bottom boat, scuba dives and golf.

■ Wine country cruises offer exclusive tours and tastings at selected wineries, plus food and wine pairings, and special tours not available to drive-up visitors.

"It's an amazing way to do it," said Tim Jacox, vice president of sales and marketing for American Safari, which transports its passengers on 22-person yachts up the Petaluma and Napa rivers. Its itineraries include a tour of fresco artist Carlo Marchiori's villa outside Calistoga. Clipper Cruise Line brings renowned chefs Joanne Weir and Traci Des Jardins on board to cook meals; CruiseWest includes a visit to the Culinary Institute of America's Greystone campus for pairings and wine evaluations.

Although the two types of cruises are different, they offer passengers what others don't: A chance to experience more of California.

Catalina rising

Catalina Island has been a regular port of call for cruises out of Los Angeles, but its cruise ship visits have risen steadily in the past few years: from about 100 in 2002 to 123 last year; seven different cruise lines will make stops this year, up from just two in 2002.

"We worked hard to get here," said Wayne Griffin, president of the Catalina Island Chamber of Commerce. Attracting cruise lines, he said, "is key to us in our traditional off-season. In our shoulder months of early spring and late fall, our tourist base falls off. The arrival of these ships has put money into our economy that we desperately need."

Calling on Monterey

Monterey is expected to receive nine ships this year, most of them from Celebrity's 1,870-passenger Mercury. But it could lead to other visits from cruise ships (although not Crystal Cruises, which was banned for 15 years in 2003 after one of its ships, Crystal Harmony, discharged wastewater into the Monterey Bay sanctuary).

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For a few movies, and star sightings, more



ROBERT MENZIMER
Life Is a Movie

I HEARD the other day that East Bay resident Finn Taylor was directing Chris Penn and a dog named Ruby in "The Darwin Awards," a film also starring Joseph Fiennes. They were at Joaquin Miller Park in the East Bay Hills but I wasn't, and chances are, neither were you. Why are there never any movie stars around when we go hiking? Why don't we run into Clint Eastwood at the El Cerrito Plaza?

They shoot plenty of movies around here, so you'd think we'd glimpse a few big stars every time we walk to the bank. I mean, this isn't Omaha. But whenever we read that Will Smith and Natalie Portman were having dinner last Tuesday night at The Pub in Kensington, it turns out we were at a PTA meeting. I'm about ready to give up.

One morning my friend Timm did run into Clint Eastwood, and he wasn't even trying. Timm was ambling along South of Market where, it turned out, they were shooting some Dirty Harry. He rounded a corner and ran into a belt buckle. He looked up, looked up some more, and kept looking up until he came to the face attached to the head attached to the body attached to the belt attached to the buckle. It was Ole Harry himself, and he just smiled at Timm and said, "Howdy."

I've been an Eastwood fan since the Sergio Leone spaghetti westerns began splattering across our screens when I was a kid and Clint was eating cigars and flapping serapes with Eli Wallach and Lee Van Cleef. There was something about this guy. When he made "Play Misty for Me," we all found out he played jazz piano. Then, on top of everything else, he blossomed into a skilled director and won a well-deserved Oscar for "Unforgiven," with more to come.

These days, I don't even care that he tried to sing in "Paint Your Wagon," or that if he ever read one of these columns, he'd squint at me and growl, "Why do you use so many words?"

It would be fun to be as lucky as Timm, but Clint Eastwood and I are still strangers. I went for dinner at his Hog's Breath Inn down in Carmel one time but he wasn't behind the front desk to greet me, and what's up with that? He's never at Zachary's in Berkeley when we go for pizza, either.

I guess we can always go to the movie stars' movies. Clint Eastwood is both in front of and behind the camera in "Million Dollar Baby." The critics think it's the movie of the year, but several friends told me it's schmaltzy. That's kind of a weird Daily Double, so I thought I'd better take a look. My Clint Eastwood verdict: Still an articulately taciturn actor, still an extravagantly economical director, older than ever, better than ever.

I can see why you might think "Million Dollar Baby" is schmaltzy. And I thought I saw a big plot hole at the end, which I couldn't stop yammering about all the way home, to the annoyance of anyone else in the car. But unless you've been tipped ahead of time about the end of Act II, the movie isn't predictable, and that's the saving grace. Well, that plus Morgan Freeman, and Hilary Swank. And Clint Eastwood.

I don't think I'll be running into the big guy any time soon on Solano Avenue, but it's probably just as well. I mean, what would I say? "Nice belt buckle?" And no matter what I did say, I'm sure it would be way too many words.

Robert Menzimer is an Albany writer. Reach him at lifeisamovie@pacbell.net.



JACK T...

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...005 Ford Focus ST ZX-4: A fun car to drive and one competitively priced

BY JON ROSNER
SECTION EDITOR

...he shape of the 2005 Ford ...s almost identical to that of ...newest Honda Civic. Who ...ed who? First off the Focus ...out first, second, designs take ...to go from drawing board to ...d, it just shows that given the ...ents of building a car that ...fortably fit 90 percent of all ...ers, a number of manufac...ers are coming to very similar ...sions.

...ide, the gauges and controls ...ircle, easy to read and well ...reach. The steering wheel ...nice feel and grip. The ...ls that make up the dash...and console are hard plas... door panels, seats and balance of the interior also look good and fit together well. The interior is up to Japanese standards except for the seats which offer less support in the lower back than is needed. Out on the road the chassis feels well-balanced with precise steering and control — this is a hallmark of every Focus I have driven. The shifter is slightly notchy, and the clutch is good, but it took a bit to learn how to modulate the clutch for smooth shifting. The 2.3 liter four cylinder engine pulls well in low- and mid-ranges as well as the upper reaches where overhead cam engines usually perform their best.

The car proved to be quick and nimble around town, easy to park and more than held its own in freeway traffic. Puttering over a back-

THROUGH THE GEARS

road short-cut through the hills the car was very composed, with plenty of agility to avoid the wayward squirrel or chipmunk. But the road noise over the backroads could be intrusive at times. We averaged 25 mpg in the usual cluttered commute traffic combined with backroads shortcuts and fast freeway driving. This was substantially better than the last performance Focus we had that only squeezed out low 20s for gas mileage.

The Focus has a lot of spirit and is a fun car to drive. With its competitive pricing, it offers a lot of bang for the buck.



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Horsepower	151 at 5,750 rpm
Torque	154 at 4,250 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual
Wheelbase	103 inches
Height	57 inches
Curb Weight	2,696 pounds
Fuel Capacity	14 gallons
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...rthern California 4x4 'hands-on' safety clinic ...ches SUV owners how to properly drive off road

BY JACK RAUDY
... MOUNTAIN GOAT FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

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Students will learn how to "walk"

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CAPITAL CITY MOUNTAIN GOAT FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

TEX TEXIERA instructing a new owner in how to negotiate a trail.

New child safety seat rules for 2005

BY JON ROSNER
SECTION EDITOR

As a follow up to last weeks article on Child Safety Seat Week, we pulled together a few ideas from a few other sources.

1. Kids of all ages are safest when properly restrained in the back seat. Never position a child in the path of a front air bag. And as of Jan. 1, 2005 California law requires that children ride in the back seat of vehicles so equipped, this citable offense for non-compliance.

2. Always keep a child secured in a child restraint. No matter how

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1956 Buick Roadmaster Riviera has very comfortable ca

CLASSIC CLASSICS

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

In 1956, a top-of-the-line Buick Roadmaster Riviera sedan carried a base price of $3,692. Most of the 24,779 vehicles built for that model year sold for much more.

Each one of the 17-foot, 9.5-inch-long Buicks left the factory in Flint, Mich., with a 322-cubic-inch V8 engine under the hood. A four-barrel down-draft carburetor helps the mighty engine produce 255 horsepower. Even weighing 4,355 pounds, the massive Buick could deliver an honest 100 mph.

It's not the sort of high-powered luxury car you expect to be driven by ladies of the Social Security set. Nevertheless, a successful businessman bought a new one for his mother.

After serving her well for about 40 years, the big, black Buick had accumulated only 56,000 miles on the odometer. Bill Tricarico first saw the car in the autumn of 1997 on display at an antique car show and was captivated by its beauty. He purchased the then-42-year-old Buick in May 1998.

After the black, four-hole, Roadmaster was trucked to his home, he discovered that it had sat idle for the past four or five years. Consequently, the starter was bad and the gas in the carburetor had turned into varnish.

Patiently, Tricarico cleaned and rebuilt the carburetor and cleaned and flushed the gasoline line and the gasoline tank. He also refurbished the radiator to prevent any overheating and, so he would never be troubled again, he obtained a new, stainless-steel exhaust system.

With the installation of a new set of wide white sidewall radial tires, Tricarico, who kept the original bias-ply spare tire in place on the right side of the roomy trunk, was ready for some Buick-style boulevard cruising.

The Buick floats on a 127-inch wheelbase. The spacious Roadmaster came equipped with power brakes, power steering, power windows and a power antenna, along with a button on the floor to activate the "Wonderbar" station changer for the AM radio. The shift pattern of the automatic transmission from the left is: Park-Neutral-Drive-Low-Reverse. Tricarico admits that he has to be careful when switching from his modern car with a different shift pattern.

Curiously, the high-dollar car came with no air conditioner. On the other hand, that gave the original owner an opportunity to roll down all four windows and display the fact that the four-door Buick had no "B" pillar between the doors. The current owner does the same thing.

At the base of the windshield is a chrome-plated cowl vent through which fresh air can be directed to the cabin.

The parts of the dashboard that weren't painted coral seemingly were chrome-plated with the entire unit topped with a black vinyl. With the car in virtually excellent original condition, only the shabby seat covering marred its beauty when it was obtained by Tricarico.

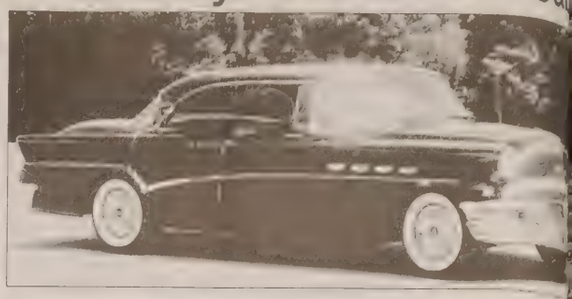
"The material is futuristic," Tricarico says. "It looks like it belongs in a spaceship." In Oregon he located material matching the original fabric and an upholstery shop made the interior look as good as the rest of the luxurious automobile. Once all that Buick bulk gets moving, Tricarico reports highway fuel economy of 13 miles per gallon. The speedometer tops out at 120 mph.

"I think it could do 120," he says. "It likes to run. I like the way the car accelerates."

The extraordinarily comfortable cabin absolutely forbids the intrusion of any feeling of the outside world. Tricarico is particularly fascinated by the oil pressure and temperature instruments on the dashboard. When all is well, the gauges are illuminated green — which changes to red when something is amiss.

Tricarico isn't one to let his car sit idle. The Buick's odometer has eclipsed 63,000 miles with no end in sight. With all of the attention the owner attracts [illegible] his chrome-lade[illegible] be excused if he feels [illegible] star.

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1956 BUICK ROADMASTER RIVIERA is a georgeous car that runs beautifuly. It weighs [illegible] pounds, can go 100 mph, and gets 13 mpg.

Tire tread pattern dictates noise levels and ride

AUTO DOCTOR

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Mitsubishi Spyder. At very low speeds there is a grinding noise. My warranty expires soon, so if the noise is covered, I want the car repaired. The dealer said the tires are causing the problem. Before I spend big bucks on tires, I wanted your opinion. Can tires cause noise at low speeds? The size is P215/50R17. **Dan**

Dear Dan: Tires not only make noise, they can also feel like you are driving on cobble stone pavement. Be very careful on the tire brand and tread pattern; the smoother the pattern, the smoother the ride. But the smooth pattern is not the best pattern for driving in snow and slush.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 2004 Ford F-150 4x4 crew cab. The brakes squeak. The dealer checked and told me nothing is wrong. He also said some trucks do squeak. What do you suggest? **Dan**

Dear Dan: Go back to the dealer who sold you the truck and have him resurface the brake rotors and replace the brake pads. I replace brakes on lots of vehicles. An occasional brake squeal is normal. A constant brake squeal is not normal. We always put some anti-brake squeal compound on the non-friction side of the brake pads. There are also many good aftermarket brake pad brands that work great. Never buy cheap pads, only the best quality.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Hyundai Sonata. Occasionally, there is what seems to be some kind of fiberglass hair coming out of the tailpipe. I checked with a muffler shop and the dealer and both said the muffler does not have any type of fiberglass in it. I am writing for your help on this matter. **Jerome**

Dear Jerome: Most mufflers do have fiberglass packing, both factory and aftermarket brands, as well as glass pack mufflers. The fiberglass actually helps quiet down the noise and actually will change the exhaust sound. Depending on the style and passageway of the muffler design, backpressure could be affected if the fiberglass does obstruct the exhaust flow. I would not replace the muffler unless you notice a loss of power, or the exhaust gets louder.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2003 Chrysler Town & Country minivan with a 3.8-liter V6 engine. Current mileage is 16,000. Since new, the transmission has had a hard first to second up-shift at 1,750 rpms. Above or below 1,750 rpm the shift is fine. The dealer did reprogram the transmission, but the problem still persists. **Steve**

Dear Steve: Alldata does list a few Technical Service Bulletins on your transmission relating to delayed and harsh shifting. Go back to the dealer and ask for a test-drive with their scan tool connected and at 1,750 rpm. Have the technician look at the throttle position sensor voltage or position, engine load, and actual vehicle speed. You may also want to ask about any Mopar transmission additives that will lessen the friction of the transmission fluid to ease the shift.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Ford Windstar LX with a 3.8-liter V6 engine with three problems. First, while driving on the highway the overdrive light flashes. Second, the last two times I had the rear brakes checked the shoes were cracked. And third, every week I have to put a gallon of coolant in the reservoir. **Rudy**

Dear Rudy: I see a lot of problems with speed sensors and shift solenoids on Ford transmissions. A simple computer scan should bring up what circuit has a problem.

Next, you need to see what's causing the loss of coolant. Take the van to a shop for inspection of leaks you may have overlooked. If no leaks are found, a hydrocarbon check of the cooling system will be required. The 3.8-liter engines have had their fair share of faulty head and head gasket failures.

As for cracking rear brake shoes, the cause of the problem is heat and/or poor quality brake material. Make sure a quality rear brake shoe is used, also check the parking brake cables to make sure they are not sticking or overadjusted. On some occasions, I have found rear-wheel cylinders that bind up internally do not allow the rear shoes to contract when the brake pedal is released.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347.

SUV Class

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"we offer a clinic for a different kind of driving that opens up a whole new world for exploration and adventure"

their vehicle, drive over trails and big rocks, and how to use a tow strap for helping anyone who gets stuck in the mud or snow.

"With so many people wanting to get off the highway and visit their favorite fishing hole or just get away from the big city life, we offer a clinic for a different kind of driving that opens up a whole new world for exploration and adventure," said Texiera, who has taught hundreds of students over the past several years.

"There is no auto club towing or emergency road service for off-highway vehicle drivers, so we teach common sense and build confidence for virtually every situation someone might encounter while driving off road," he [illegible]

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2005 Nissan Quest has bold styling,



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2005 NISSAN QUEST is a spacious and modern vehicle that has met Nissan's three goals which were breakthrough styling, top-notch versatility and strong over-the-road performance.

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Edgy styling in a minivan? Who woulda thunk it? Minivans are plagued by stigma — the vehicle's perceived status as a "mom-mobile" that says of its driver, "I'm just so domesticated."

Sport utilities have allowed soccer moms to break out of the minivan trap, if that's what it was, and express themselves a bit better in a vehicle that doesn't have quite the same family association. To help get the minivan segment moving upward again, automakers have been rethinking the vehicles' styling.

But edgy styling has eluded the minivan class — until now.

Behold the Nissan Quest, the first minivan with real style. In fact, the styling of the Quest is so good that Nissan isn't selling as many as it thought it might.

That sounds kind of strange, but the fact is that the majority of people who buy minivans are somewhat conservative, so edgy styling is something rather foreign to them. These are the same kind of people who buy hundreds of thousands of bland, boring Honda Accords and Toyota Camrys each year.

The mainstay of those cars is their appliance value — the fact that they are excellent pieces of machinery that will give their consumers years of faithful service. Who cares about styling when you can have that?

Well, apparently some of us like the idea of having the best of both worlds — great styling and appliance-like reliability. And that's what you get with the second-generation Quest, introduced in May 2003 as an '04 model, and continuing for 2005 with no major changes.

Nissan debuted its Quest concept minivan at the 2002 Detroit auto show, and it was a showstopper. Unlike any minivan before it, the concept had bold, futuristic

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styling.

The new Quest was the first product to come off the assembly line at Nissan's brand-new plant in Canton, Miss., which now also produces the Nissan Titan pickup, as well as the Nissan Armada and Infiniti QX56 full-size SUVs.

To be a success, Nissan officials said, the new minivan needed to break out of the typical, boring minivan styling.

With the new Quest, Nissan decided to stick with the minivan format, but make the vehicle more like an SUV, with bold exterior styling, yet with the driving performance of a sporty car. The three goals for the Quest, the company said, were breakthrough styling, versatility and performance.

As with styling, performance is something not usually associated with minivans, either. Nissan aimed to change that.

This van drives almost like an Altima sedan, which is not completely strange, considering that the Quest is built on the chassis of the mid-size Altima, which also is the chassis used for the Maxima sedan and the Murano crossover SUV.

Under the hood is the same 240-horsepower V6 engine used in the Altima, which gives the Quest a good measure of performance.

In our test model, that engine was connected to a really smooth five-speed automatic transmission, and the combination of engine and gearbox moved this vehicle along like a sport sedan. It even corners more like a sedan than any minivan I've ever driven.

Inside, the Quest is very well-appointed, designed to fulfill the needs of its primary consumers: young families.

The dashboard definitely breaks from the mold, and might take some getting used to. The speedometer and other gauges are mounted in the center of the dash, away from the driver's forward point of view, and most controls are placed in an unusual center pedestal/cylinder that sticks up from under the dash.

The gearshift lever even comes out of this pedestal, the controller for the Quest's four- or all-new five-speed automatic transmission. In fact, this particular feature — the center dash stack — is so controversial that Nissan plans to redesign it for next year. I didn't really mind it, though.

Nissan says the center meter cluster allows for a better forward view of the road for the driver, since the dash can be lower directly in front of the driver.

Interior innovations include the optional Skyview roof, which is a series of skylights that remind me of the early Volkswagen buses; second- and third-row seats that fold completely flat into the floor to turn the vehicle into a cargo van instantly, and such little touches as hooks for hanging up dry cleaning, and a note clip on the top of the steering column.

Nissan didn't neglect safety in designing the new Quest.

Active safety features include front and side air bags, as well as side-curtain air bags for all three rows of seats. Other options include a navigation system, DVD entertainment system with either one or two screens for the rear passengers, and the first Bose audio system for a minivan.

Three trim levels are offered, the base S model, which starts at $24,240 (plus $560 freight); the mid-level SL, $26,740 plus freight; and our test car, the top-of-the-line SE, $32,240 plus freight.

With options, our test car rang up at $36,010, including freight, which is more than you would have to pay to get a good Quest. Among options on ours were the two-screen DVD system ($1,500); a seat package ($750), which gave us folding captain's chairs on the second row and a flat-folding bench on the third row; and XM satellite radio ($400).

Nissan says 75 percent of sales will be models priced under $30,000, and even the base model comes with such features as traction control, power windows/mirrors/door locks, power sliding door on the right side/manual sliding door on the driver's side, air conditioning, the advanced air bag system, and a 150-watt AM/FM/compact-disc stereo with eight speakers.

SL models are upgraded with 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, eight-way power adjustable driver's seat, leather-wrapped steering wheel with built-in audio controls, heated mirrors, rear audio controls with infrared headphones, power rear vent windows, power adjustable pedals, and a roof rack.

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Safety

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short the ride is, or whether they fuss or cry, your child should always be properly strapped into a child safety seat when traveling in a vehicle, this is also citable offense. Up to 6 years or 60 pounds child restraint systems are required.

For the first year the child should be in rear-facing child safety seat or device appropriate for that age group. After that the child can be placed in a forward-facing seat, these are usually rated up 40 pounds. Look for ratings on the side of the seat. From 40 to 60 pounds booster seat systems are generally the best choice.

Part of your selection process should be to choose a seat that fits well in your vehicle. With a single child placing them in the center rear is best, followed by the right rear as most of the time it is safer to take a child out from the curb side of the vehicle. There are three common child safety seat misuses, according to NHTSA. First, the harness straps securing the child are too loose. Second, the child safety seat is too loose. Lastly, the child is the wrong age and weight for the restraint used. Short trips do not necessarily mean safe trips. According to a NHTSA, 80 percent of fatal car accidents take place within 25 miles from a person's home. It is imperative that all passengers, including children, be properly restrained every time they travel in a vehicle. Holding your child on your lap is not only unsafe, it is illegal in all 50 states. In a crash, the force of restraining a child will become so great that it is virtually impossible to hold on to a child, no matter how strong you are. Ch[illegible] never be allowed to ride [illegible]

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2005 Jaguar X-Type Sport Wagon come with full-time AWD

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ALM SPRINGS, Calif. — the U.S. media preview of new entry-level Jaguar X-type four years ago in Atlanta, the maker's officials said the tony brand would never offer a ion utility. Today, that still holds but the company has bent to ssure from U.S. dealers and ates the next best thing: the first e station wagon.

The company may be content but skip the whole SUV thing. automakers are now adding ons back to their lineups as omers, weary of high fuel mption in their big, trucklike e, are moving back to wagons e new so-called crossover sport

For its first wagon, Jaguar chose platform of its compact X-type n, which allowed for the ion of a premium compact en in the same size and class the Audi A4, Volvo V50 and edes-Benz C-class wagons, g others.

Rolled out for automotive jour- at a recent ride-and-drive here, the X-type Sport Wagon, ered by the same 3.0-liter V6 e used in the X-type sedan, ed to be just as fun to drive as dan, and just as agile.

The driving experience actually ubt delightful — very Jaguar- even though this is the com- a lower-priced entry vehicle. Surprisingly, even at a starting in the low $30,000s, the X-type looks and feels like a real ar, finally offering those on a get who have always hankered for one of these British cars a chance to own one.

Of course, a lot of people wouldn't consider a car priced in the low $30,000s to be suitable for someone on a budget, but when you consider that the rest of the Jaguar line runs from $45,000 to nearly $90,000, the idea of a car with the ride, styling and handling of a Jag for under $35,000 seems quite the bargain.

The new X-type wagon, beginning at $36,995, costs a bit more than the base price of the sedan ($31,495 with five-speed manual gearbox, $34,995 with automatic), but if you need a wagon and can afford the extra money, you won't be disappointed in this new model.

And unless you look to the rear, you won't really know you're even driving a wagon. As a compact wagon, the X-type doesn't come with a third row of seating, so it still seats five, same as the sedan.

But you do get a nice, tall cargo area to the rear of the back seat, and that seat can be lowered to extend the cargo compartment to the back of the front seat, allowing you to haul sports equipment and other stuff that active young couples, who are expected to buy this car, will often want to carry. And though the idea of a Jag wagon might seem odd, it's nowhere near as strange as the idea of a Porsche SUV. (Which is out-selling their cars by nearly 2 to 1, so does that make Porsche primarily a truck manufacturer?)

What the X-type wagon may do for Jaguar is bring more younger, less-affluent (but on the way up) buyers into showrooms and help the company in its recovery efforts after losing more than $1 billion in 2004.

The company remains afloat because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ford Motor Co., which apparently is solidly committed to Jaguar, at least for now.

Although the X-type hasn't sold as well as Jaguar had expected, the company now has totaled more than 100,000 sales of the car in North America and 250,000 worldwide since introduction. That is fairly impressive, considering that some Lexus, Infiniti, Mercedes and Audi vehicles in the same class haven't done much better.

Much more important — and a true measure of the car's success — is that 94 percent of X-type buyers were new to the Jaguar brand and 50 percent of them have gone on to buy another Jaguar, many of those the more-expensive models.

At introduction, Jaguar promoted the X-type as the first Jaguar under $30,000. The price for the entry-level model with the base 2.5-liter V6 engine was just barely under $30,000, but for 2005, that model has been dropped. Now only the 3.0-liter V6 is offered; the company didn't sell enough of the 2.5-liter models to make it worthwhile to keep it in the lineup, and that engine really offered less-than-Jaguar performance anyway, officials said.

The engine in the new X-type wagon, as well as the other sedan models for 2005, is the most powerful standard powerplant in the European premium compact sedan class, at 227 horsepower and 206 foot pounds of torque.

With an automatic transmission, this engine can power the car from zero to 60 mph in 7.1 seconds; with the manual (sedan only), the time is cut to 6.6.

And the X-type is still the only premium compact sedan with full-time all-wheel drive as standard equipment on every model.

That system now extends to the wagon model as well.

Though it is styled similarly to the sedan and carries the same drivetrain, the wagon has 420 different new tooled parts and 58 new body stampings, including unique rear doors and roof. The wagon comes with a split tailgate and functional roof rails and has a structure that is 8 percent stiffer than that of the sedan.

In the back is 50 cubic feet of open cargo space, as well as four cubic feet of hidden space under the cargo floor.

Included in the carpeted cargo compartment are chrome cargo tie-downs and a 12-volt power outlet that allows for recharging of a laptop computer while it is concealed in the under-floor storage area. There is a removable cargo-area cover as well.

Safety features include standard side-curtain air bags for front and rear occupants, along with four-wheel antilock disc brakes with electronic brake force distribution.

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conomics 101: Why our new cars are being designed in India

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BANGALORE, India — Just r 5:30 p.m., a line of brightly ed motorcycles and scooters down a side street toward a ree office building on the edge s city cut from the wet, green es of India. The riders, mostly g men, ease into parking ces. They flash ID cards at a as they stride inside, barely ing as a wooden cart pulled on rumbles past, carrying a barefoot boy. This is the U.S. a these engineers are known. ey could be called the Detroit Though it's evening in India, rning where it matters: Michi- Some of these engineers, em- by Harita Infoserve in Ban- re working on computer el interior parts for a new Motors car being built for rican road. Others will run ter-simulated tests to update ats for GM vehicles. GM is not only American client, but t is most important. In recent t its city of gardens, high-tech and luxury hotels offset by ing sewage, tent cities and ming human and animal ock has become the contro- famous call center to the

h less fanfare, the back office auto industry is moving to In- Taking advantage of India's output of more than 200,000 h-speaking college graduates gineering degrees, the U.S. ustry increasingly relies on s to do basic, but necessary, eering tasks for a fraction of U.S. workers cost — and to ive process of making new

e Big Three directly employ ds of engineers in India. The eers and their suppliers also ow out a multitude of smaller jobs to Indian contractors to support engineering work being done by their own employees. Most of the explosive growth in Indian automotive engineering is best seen, and measured, at the contractor level. On this Friday in June, the workers at Harita Infoserve step into a sterile, English-friendly office of neat cubicles, flat-screen computers and instant coffee makers. Framed posters of American cars hang on the walls. Copies of Automotive News are spread across a coffee table in a small lobby. The rooftop employee cafeteria is built to resemble an old GM bus. The blinds are shut tight against the outside world. Leaning back in a swivel chair in the Rudolf Diesel conference room, company owner Gopal Srinivasan watches his ninth — and most successful — business expand around him. Construction workers haul in wires and paint to add new rooms to Srinivasan's building. His human resources manager sifts through hundreds of resumes while answering a constantly ringing cell phone. Srinivasan, who earned an MBA from the University of Michigan, planned to hire 200 more computer engineers by the end of 2004 — all to fulfill contracts already secured by his company. In the next three years, he plans to make 1,000 new hires. Without looking up, his human resources manager says, "In Bangalore terms, that's peanuts."

Harita Infoserve's major clients include GM, Ford Motor Co., DaimlerChrysler AG and Michigan-based companies that sell seating systems and parts to the Big Three. In 2004, to be closer to its U.S. clients, Harita Infoserve opened a satellite office in Troy. On the way to their cubicles, the engineers pause at a bulletin board with a Web page printout of the weather forecast for southern Michigan: chance of rain, unseasonably cool. The Pistons, another clipping tells them, beat the Lakers in last night's NBA Finals game. A clock in the center of the room is set to Eastern Time in the United States, but because only one city in that time zone matters, the sign under the clock says simply: "DETROIT TIME." A few employees assigned to a team called DIB-BID — short for Detroit-Bangalore, Bangalore-Detroit — update the bulletin board with news from Detroit. They coach colleagues on how to interact with Michigan clients. Remember to say "Good morning," not "Good afternoon" when you pick up the phone. Don't ask what the weather is like, ask whether they're sick of the rain. "It is more important," Srinivasan says, "for you to know your client than for your client to know you." It is 8 a.m. in Michigan. The phones ring in Bangalore. Detroit is calling.

"Good morning, Brock," a Harita engineer says into a speakerphone. "This is Jaykumar. I've got Sundaresha and Balakrishnan here with me. " "Hi guys, " comes the cheerful American reply. "Good morning!" It is now 6:30 p.m. in Bangalore, but nobody corrects Brock, who refers to Jaykumar simply as Jay. Harita has worked hard to make U.S. clients comfortable, and help them forget that they're calling India. Jaykumar opens a Toshiba laptop and clicks open a two-dimensional detailed technical drawing, one of 50 projects the Indian team is working on, mostly for U.S. suppliers to carmakers. The team designs fasteners, seats, the tools that make them and molds to make the tools. They also design computer tests to analyze how the parts will react in crashes.

The language of the auto industry is one of mathematical precision; one wrong measurement can mean time and millions of dollars wasted. It is exactly the kind of information most likely to be warped in a game of international telephone tag. But any doubt that language can now be communicated across cultures, oceans, and time zones is erased in this cramped, second-floor conference room as the four men, one in Detroit, discuss not a screw, but part of a screw. "Do you have the PowerPoint? " Jaykumar asks. "We require feedback on several of the screws." "Yep, I've got it up, " Brock says. "I'm looking at it now." Hanging in the conference room above Jaykumar's left shoulder is a frowning portrait of Charles Franklin Kettering, the Ohioan who invented the electric ignition. "The world hates change," Kettering is credited with saying. "But it is the only thing that has brought progress."

For the next 20 minutes, the men discuss pieces that will make up the design of a few screws that Brock's company will eventually manufacture by the thousands and sell to Detroit's carmakers. Twice during the meeting, the electricity cuts out at Harita Infoserve. The conference room goes black, save for the battery-powered glow of the Toshiba. The phone stays on, and the Indian engineers never pause in their conversation. Indians are used to power outages. Both times, the lights flicker back on after a few seconds. Brock never has a clue.

The rise of India's new economy can be traced, in part, to two little digits: 00. In the late 1990s, Americans and others fretted that a Y2K disaster loomed unless millions of lines of code were rewritten to prevent a computer system meltdown when the calendar changed to 2000, causing a massive disruption to utilities, banking systems and other needs of

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Hybrids are no longer pocket-sized

BY SEAN WOOD
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ORT WORTH, Texas — Hybrid electric vehicles are breaking of their bite-sized molds, several trucks and sport-utility getting the more fuel-efficiengines.

ota, which made great gains ar with its Prius hybrid, will ull upscale drivers are ready green when it introduces the RX 400h SUV this spring.

The RX 400h will be the first luxhybrid to hit the market when it on sale Apr. 15 priced $47,000 and $52,000.

Meanwhile, Ford has put a engine in the Escape SUV, gets more than 30 miles per . General Motors has sold hyversions of the Chevrolet Sil- and GMC Sierra pickup into fleets in California, which ose to 30 mpg.

ota is snowing off the Mercury hybrid SUV at this week's Auto Show, due in showin 2005. And Toyota will duce the Highlander SUV in pected to sell from $37,000 0,000.

ota's Prius and Honda's preyed heavily on fuel-conrs when they were introne United States in 2001 000 respectively. The cars, priced around $20,000, get as much as 65 miles a gallon.

Now more people are clamoring for hybrid vehicles, even those who drive gas-guzzling SUVs and pickups.

According to J.D. Power & Associates, nearly 88,000 hybrid-electric vehicles were sold in the United States in 2004, comprising less than 1 percent of the U.S. light-vehicle market. J.D. Power expects sales to increase to more than 200,000 units this year as the number of hybrid models increases from eight to 11. Automakers have shifted from creating new vehicles with hybrid powerplants to putting the engines in established brands. The hybrid versions typically cost $3,000 to $4,000 more than vehicles with traditional engines, according to J.D. Power.

"The shift has already occurred with the Ford Escape hybrid," said Brad Berman, editor of hybridcars.com. "It was the first step with the hybrid moving into the mainstream. They're not necessarily midsized and smaller. The hybrid field is opening up to all sizes of cars."

Mercedes-Benz showed off a diesel hybrid at the International Auto Show in Detroit though it's not expected to come to market any time soon. The company is focusing on its clean diesel engines.

Michelle Murad, a Mercedes spokeswoman, said the hybrid version of the Mercedes E Class doesn't dramatically improve on the clean diesel available now. "If at some point it becomes viable, we will look to introduce it," she said.

But, according to Berman, some hybrids have faster acceleration and higher performance than their regular gas-engine counterparts.

"The Honda Accord hybrid that came out in November is the fastest family sedan available in the market," he said. "You also get a bump up in fuel efficiency. The engineers can dial up and dial back a number of these factors."

The Lexus RX 400h goes 0-60 mph in 7.3 seconds. On top of that, it gets 30 miles per gallon in the city and 26 mpg on the highway, as befitting a hybrid that gets better fuel efficiency in stop-and-go driving conditions.

By comparison, the Lexus RX 330 gets 18 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway.

Lexus has been getting plenty of positive buzz about the RX 400h. Bill Ussery, product communications manager for Lexus, said that 11,900 have been presold, even before the exact price has been set.

"It's interesting because it's going to be a real mix of customers," Ussery said.

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Design

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everyday life. Computers needed to be able to understand that the date was changing to 2000, not 1900. At the time, the demand for U.S. computer programmers was high, and programmers' salaries soared. Corporations and utilities, balking at the costs, began to discover a crop of cheap, educated labor, ripening just for the — and in a land where English prevailed, an unintended gift left by the British to their former colony.

In India, programmers could accomplish the work of U.S. counterparts for dollars a day. Word spread: The Indians were skilled, cheap and fast. Salaries for full-time Indian computer engineers range from $5,000 to $10,000 a year. U.S. engineers can make ten times as much. Indian programmers and software companies attracted a growing deluge of contracts from foreign countries. At the same time, the call center craze took off, with foreign firms setting up customer assistance centers in India.

India, meanwhile, also caught Detroit's attention. General Motors vocally lobbied the Indian government to open its suppressed market to foreign automakers, an effort that helped convince the government to repeal strict economic policies in the early '90s that had barred serious foreign investment.

The Indian economy caught fire. Little by little, Indian engineers began winning contracts to do low-level, computer engineering work for U.S. car companies and suppliers. And U.S. suppliers began opening Indian branches to compete for the contracts increasingly flowing t o Asia.

On July 4 , 1999, Mukesh Gandhi and Dave Zischke landed in Mumbai (formerly Bombay) India, after a 14-hour flight from Detroit. The ground crew pushed a ladder to the plane, and the business partners stepped out, squinting into the sun. After passing through customs, the two men walked into a world of chaos honking cabs, shoulder-to-shoulder crowds, limping beggars. Dirty children followed the Michigan duo, trying to carry their luggage for a few coins. It was over 100 degrees. A hot wind swirled around them. What in the world, Mukesh thought, are we doing here? India was the country of his birth, but he was a U.S. citizen now and had built a successful automotive engineering business in Troy.

He loved America and felt a twinge of guilt pursuing a business opportunity in Asia on his adopted country's Independence Day. But Dave, his chief financial officer, had done the math. In the mid-'90s, there was a shortage of American computer engineers. Mukesh, like other business owners, started importing Indian employees to his offices in Okemos and Troy on work visas.

But it was costing Quantech Global Services too much money. Instead of bringing workers to them, Dave and Mukesh went to the workers. It would be a smart decision, because several years later many engineering firms would rush to India for cheaper labor. When auto makers began demanding lower prices, Mukesh and Dave were able to compete. Eventually, maintaining and growing their Indian operation became necessary. "We wouldn't have survived without the India operation," Dave says flatly.

They now employ 170 engineers in two Indian cities, and are planning to hire another 300 Indian engineers. They are not hiring in the United States, but they have not had to cut staff. They have 140 Michigan employees, a number that has remained consistent over the last few years. Quantech's home base is on the 21st floor of the Top of Troy building, a roomy, quiet setting in nondescript high-rise in an office park on Big Beaver Road. Their office in Bangalore is in a building of blue glass; every corner is filled. When Mukesh and Dave heard GM was opening a tech center in Bangalore, they decided to relocate and expand into a building less than a mile from GM's Bangalore office.

On a visit last summer, Dave and Mukesh walked up to the second floor of their Bangalore office and into a small lobby packed with two dozen young men intently filling out applications. The company had won a new contract with a U.S. carmaker and would need four engineers immediately. The job candidates sat up straight when Divya Pudhireddy Gauraju swished toward them through a labyrinth of gray cubicles, a startling burst of color in her orange and purple sari, traditional wear. At 30, she is the administrative brains of Quantech's India operation. Before meeting with Dave and Mukesh, the job candidates would have to get through Divya — that's if they passed a five-hour written engineering test in English, and a computer test in math.

From time to time, Quantech will send an Indian engineer on assignment to Detroit. If it's his first trip, he first gets a lesson with Divya. "Look a woman in the eye," she tells them. Many Indian men think it is impolite to stare at a woman directly . "Don't wear slippers to work," she admonishes. She also teaches the meaning of business casual, chooses the luggage they will carry on the flight, and tells them how and where to buy a winter coat.

That afternoon, Divya wheeled a huge, rectangular pineapple cake down the center aisle between the cubicles. The cake said "Quantech Family" in black frosting. She called for the men to stop working. "It's time, everyone, " she said, speaking in English to bridge all 17 official Indian languages. The cake is a monthly tradition — a time to

> The Indian economy caught fire. Little by little, Indian engineers began winning contracts.

mark birthdays and wedding anniversaries. She called out nine names. Each man came forward, shook her hand, bowed slightly and received a card while the others clapped. "On Your Anniversary," says one card covered in gold flowers. On the inside, it is stamped "Quantech." Divya asked the cardholders to help cut the cake. One man, Baratha, struggled. "Baratha understands cost-cutting, but not cake-cutting," someone shouted. Everyone laughed.

It is not unusual for engineers to work long days and never seek overtime pay. But Indian workers are starting to demand more. "We know some of you have asked about mobile phones and personal loans," she says. The men want the company to negotiate a lower group rate for cell phones and offer loans to employees.

"Rest assured, we are on it," she says. Despite their country's success, Indians worry that their jobs could soon be outsourced to cheaper, skilled labor pools, such as Turkey and Russia. Salaries for recent college graduates, or freshers as they are called in India, are still comparatively low. But highly experienced engineers are commanding more money as employers fight for the talent capable of tackling more sophisticated jobs.

Employers say they can't pass the cost of increased salaries onto U.S. customers, because the Americans have plenty of options in the competitive Indian market.

"We have to keep paying higher salaries and doing more sophisticated work, but the U.S. companies want the costs kept at the same low level, so we reduce profits," says Hema Rao K., Harita's account manager. "We know the main attraction is cost. U.S. companies will not come otherwise."

A 37-year-old job applicant in thick glasses and a red rain jacket explains it bluntly.

"I want to increase my salary by 20 percent," he says at the start of a job interview with Mukesh and Dave, rain still dripping from his jacket. The applicant already has a job as a computer-assisted design specialist for an aerospace firm, but wants something better. "I have a hundred percent more job opportunities than two years ago," he says later at the door, a summer monsoon gathering strength behind him.

The photo of a Hummer — big, loud, yellow, American — hangs on a bulletin board on the second floor office in Bangalore. It is an old picture, slightly faded, torn from a magazine. But Shankar Prakash looks at it with devotion. Prakash, 31, slim, quiet, with black hair cropped close, a wispy mustache and the red smudge of a Hindu ritual on his forehead, has never seen a real Hummer. But he helped build one. Prakash worked on vibration analysis for GM's 2002 Hummer, a tedious job involving thousands of repetitions of computer simulations. But his serious face gives way to a dreamy smile when he talks about it.

"When I saw the passion for this car in the U.S., I became passionate," he says. The closest he ever got to a Hummer in action was sitting in front of a movie screen a few miles from his office this summer. He and his wife went to see an American film, "The Day After Tomorrow." When a Hummer appeared on screen, he leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I worked on that. That's the one."

"That Hummer," he says, "did great things in the movie." Prakash works for a U.S. company called EASi, based in Madison Heights, Mich., and owned by Prakash "Krish" Krishnaswamy, an Indian American from Bloomfield Hills, Mich., who drives a 2003 Jaguar, has 150,000 frequent-flier miles and worries about putting his two sons through college. On Tuesdays at 6 a.m., his Madison Heights staff gathers around a long conference table in a low-lit room in a building off of I-696 and talks to engineers in India, Japan and Europe. "This is how business is done now," he says with a shrug.

In 2000, his firm employed 20 engineers in India. Now, 150 engineers work for EASi in India — with 70 stationed in GM offices. Based on its current hiring schedule, EASi expects to employ 500 Indian engineers by 2008.

In the past four years, EASi's engineers in India estimate they have worked on more than 300 cars, mostly for U.S. carmakers. Not one vehicle was Indian. And their projects are getting more sophisticated. "We are slowly migrating to complex levels and global design programs," said Kharche P. G., who manages EASi's Bangalore office. Translation: They won't design a car, but may one day design a car door, not just the parts.

Prakash, the young engineer who worked on the Hummer, heads a team of 20 engineers. One current project is for a Michigan supplier, but he does not know which one. The identity of clients is often hidden from the engineers for security reasons, they say. This client is especially sensitive, and Prakash's engineers work in what they call "silent mode," meaning no phone calls, e-mail only. "You try and guess who it is, but you don't get any clues," Prakash says, pulling up a detailed design of a car console on his computer screen. The console, formed in intricate, green lines, appears to hang in black space. Prakash can turn it any which way, zoom in and pull out. His team's job is to build a mathematically perfect image of the console on the computer, using technical readouts from the client, then test it in simulated crashes.

Cars and car parts fill computer screens across the floor. Mathematical-based readouts of back seats, wheels, and door handles dance in green and pink lines on screens across the room, as if part of some grand, silent ballet. On one screen, the image of an SUV rolls over, again and again. Each time, the computer measures how every part of the vehicle reacts. The Madison Heights office co[n]ter list of projects for engineers. The only engineers need to supervisors say, is wear.

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their vehicle, drive over trails and big rocks, and how to use a tow strap for helping anyone who gets stuck in the mud or snow.

"With so many people wanting to get off the highway and visit their favorite fishing hole or just get away from the big city life, we offer a clinic for a different kind of driving that opens up a whole new world for exploration and adventure," said Texiera, who has taught hundreds of students over the past several years.

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Texiera explained that the clinic also teaches students about the importance of obeying the rules and environmental concerns in the backcountry. Students will continually hear instructors talk about treading lightly, not disturbing wildlife and staying on designated roads and trails.

Cost for the one-day course is $55 for the student-driver and $5 for each ride-along passenger. For those choosing to pay at the clinic, the cost is $60.The Prairie City SVRA is located off Highway 50 just east of Folsom.

Students should exit the Prairie City Road and continue to White Rock Road. At the junction, take a right on White Rock Road and watch on the left hand side of the road for signs leading you into the off road park.

Classroom instruction will be conducted at the Prairie City headquarters.

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Chevrolet adds more rumble by putting a larger powerplant into the SSR

BY JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chevrolet designers knocked themselves out in creating the SSR, a roadster truck with a retractable metal hardtop and a covered cargo bed. Trouble is, most observers thought Chevy was going to put a $35,000 price tag on the machine. People would stand in line to get one at that price, but SSR starts at $40,000, plus change, and with a few options you're within sight of $50,000.

Anticipating a lower price was one reason the days' supply of 2004 SSRs reached 300 at one time last year, five times the normal rate. This suggests that only lines formed to get their hands on an SSR were the cleaning crews to turn them. General Motors Chairman Rick Wagoner said the automaker was guilty of overproducing in anticipation of huge sales. Limiting production to keep up with demand solved the problem. Chevy also insists that too much was made of inventory and bristles at suggestions SSR foundered. Chevy said it sold 648 SSRs in '04, just a bit shy of the 10,000 target.

"SSR is a halo car, and the purpose of a halo car is to garner attention for the brand and help sell your other vehicles and SSR did that for us," Chevy spokesman Joe Jacuzzi said.

"Our research shows that with SSR, we would 22,000 more full-size trucks than we would have to people who said they never would have come into a Chevy showroom without the SSR being there."

For '05 Chevy has made a couple of changes to put that 10,000 annual sales mark more within reach. Thanks to Chevy eavesdropping on internet chat rooms frequented by SSR owners and wannabes, SSR adds a more potent V8 and a manual transmission for the first time. If those changes had been made sooner, chances are folks would have been talking about inventory shortages. Whatever. For '05 SSR features a far more energetic 6-liter, 390-horsepower V8 that delivers 405 foot pounds of torque for much quicker movement from the light and quicker reaction when you kick the pedal to pass.

It replaces the 5.3-liter, 300-h.p. V8 that delivered 331 footpounds of torque. The 6-liter, however, is rated at only 13 m.p.g. city/20 m.p.g. highway. It escapes a gas-guzzler tax because it's a truck, not a car. The 5.3-liter came with only a 4-speed automatic. The 6-liter has an optional ($815) 6-speed manual for live-lier getaways. The 6-speed is smooth, with no fighting the lever or hunting for the next gear. A rumble-tuned exhaust adds to the sporty character as well as driving pleasure.

We tested the '05 SSR with its 6-liter and user-friendly 6-speed and suspect those chat rooms are a more pleasant place for Chevy to visit now. SSR is derived from the Chevy TrailBlazer sport-utility platform. There's some trucklike firmness to the suspension, but you don't feel like it was chiseled from marble like a couple other halo cars — the Dodge Viper and Plymouth Prowler.

SSR suspension is fairly civil in cushioning from road abrasions. And the steering was retuned to react quicker to input and require less effort in low-speed maneuvers. And top up or down, you can hear the radio without being interrupted by constant squeaks, rattles and assorted racket for which Prowler was famous.

However, there's one drawback if you opt for the 6-speed. Traction control is offered with only the 4-speed automatic, not the manual. With its massive 19-inch radials upfront and 20-inch radials in back and a 390-h.p. V8 under the hood, the SSR can be a little skittish in sharp corners when a film of water or light snow covers the pavement.

Don't look for traction control with the manual for '06, either. Most SSR owners aren't going to be foul-weather travelers, but they have to be prepared if they do venture out. Other than price and mileage, only gripe is that the outside mirrors are too small. The test vehicle came with a new finish called "aqua blur," a $350 option. Depending on the angle and sunlight, the exterior gives off a variety of shades and tones — purple, beige, blue, green or greenish blue.

The novel paint might prove a problem if you have to have a shop retouch the body. The SSR tested starts at $42,430. A preferred equipment group runs $1,900 and adds an AM/FM stereo radio with in-dash CD player and MP3 player that's nice to have. But the preferred package also adds heated seats. And, as noted, you have to wonder how many are going to take this machine out in weather that would call for heated seats.

One question still to be answered about SSR is how long it stays in the lineup. "We haven't talked SSR lifecycle and haven't discussed the number of years we'll produce it," Jacuzzi said. Whether SSR or something else, Vice Chairman Bob Lutz says GM needs more out-of-the-ordinary vehicles. "We could use some more unusual vehicles. Impala and Monte Carlo, for example, are sensible, but we need some vehicles with emotional appeal." Agreed.

Pluses: Retractable metal hardtop so you have a convertible with a cargo bed. It's a model that stands out in the crowd. Minuses: Hefty price to stand out in the crowd. With its meager mileage rating, when not standing out in the crowd, you stand at the pump filling the fuel tank. Traction control not offered with 6-speed manual so keep your aggression in check on wet roads. The outside mirrors are tiny.

The popularity of the Five Hundred sedan, Freestyle crossover and Mustang sports car have created a problem for Ford. Demand for optional all-wheel-drive in Five Hundred and Freestyle and demand for the V8-powered Mustang GT caught Ford off-guard. Consumers will experience some delays in getting one of those models. "Mustang is jumping off the lots as soon as it comes in," said Marty Collins, general marketing manager for Ford Division. "We slightly increased the mix of V8s to V6s when we launched the car last fall, but V8 GTs account for 41 percent of sales now, yet only account for 18 percent of the vehicles we have in stock. We're trying to get the tooling in place to produce more V8s, but it could be the end of March or later before things get better. "And AWD accounts for 23 percent of all Five Hundred sales, but we only have 18 percent AWD cars in stock. And it accounts for 55 percent of Freestyle sales, but we only have 49 percent AWD in stock," Collins said.

"The shortage isn't going to get better in the short term. We get the AWD systems from Volvo (Five Hundred and Freestyle are both derived from the Volvo XC90), and you can't relieve the problem real quick because it takes time to get the components from another country. It's a problem not easily fixable for the short term. I can't answer when the problem may be fixed," he said.



CHEVROLET

2005 CHEVROLET SSR now has an optional 6-speed manual transmission as well as a 6-liter 390 horsepower V8, together they really add a lot of get up and go.

——— Q. I'm the finance manager for a small nonprofit group that assists low-income elderly. Our vehicle fleet includes two Ford Econoline vans — 2002 and 2003 — for our home-repair service.

One of our drivers insists on running his truck outside while inside taking care of paperwork—from 15 minutes to one hour of idling. I know an idling vehicle wastes gas, but I want to put a dollar amount on it. How many gallons of gas are used by idling an Econoline van for 15 minutes? —A.P., Chicago

A—Ford spokeswoman Becky Sanch said the engineering staff doesn't have an answer for you regarding how much fuel is wasted in 15 minutes of idling, but she did get the engineers to come up with some numbers for you to consider.

An Econoline van with a 4.6-liter V8 should burn a gallon at idle in about 130 minutes, a 5.4-liter V8 a gallon in about 105 minutes and a 6.8-liter V10 a gallon in about 85 minutes. Times may vary slightly, depending on air temperature and what accessories are running.

Q. I own a 2001 Buick LeSabre with 33,700 miles and would like to trade it for a Chrysler 300C. I like the safety features, body style and everything about the 300C. People I've talked to tell me I should wait until 2006, because it will be the second year for this model.

A. Because the 300C is in such big demand and low supply, you'll probably have to wait until the '06s come out this fall to get one anyway, so the first question is moot. A 300C or a Buick LeSabre? Well, this is the last year for the LeSabre, which is replaced by the Lucerne for '06, so that question might be moot, too.

Yes, Buicks have proven to be reliable and you seldom see one recalled. But if your purchase decision is based on whether or not a vehicle is recalled, you'd probably be riding a Schwinn now. If you like the 300C, buy it. If your friends like the LeSabre, have them buy one.

Q. I'm looking seriously at a big sport-ute or a minivan. What's unclear to me is the safety issue. Is my family safer in a large SUV or a well-equipped minivan? My criteria are safety for my family, seating for seven, adequate room for the family and luggage for road trips and towing capabilities for a pop-up camper. —S.W., Indian Creek, Ill.

A. If the question is "Is large better than well equipped?" the answer is large with its size and weight are better for safety than well-equipped with seats that fold flat into the floor and cupholders at every seat.

Seating for seven and their luggage and the need to tow pushes you toward a full-size SUV.

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Ford ushers in an all-new Mustang

KEANE ON WHEELS

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

I cannot overstate how good it is to be behind the wheel of the all-new Ford Mustang. Finally, a sultry design emerges for this American classic — and it's a knockout. It is the best exterior I've seen on a Mustang in decades. The old Mustangs that make my head turn are the ones from the mid-'60s. Occasionally, I see a restored classic Mustang traveling the roadways and I'll always refer to whomever I am with — wow, one word at a time — "Look. Cool." I'm not capable of finding words that offer deference to just one of the greatest car designs in automotive history. The original Mustang offered wonderful style and design. But from that point on, it was all downhill, until now.

The most remarkable and eye-catching design cue on the 2005 Mustang is the front end, particularly the grille. The structure of the grille immediately evokes a "retro" look that reminds me of the Ford Mustang's treasured past. The compressed, oblong-shaped grille stretches the width of the coupe and connects to the long hood with muscle car attitude.

The chassis is new from the ground up. The Mustang has a 6-inch longer wheelbase over the previous generation, which gives it an aggressive stance, fittingly accented by 16-inch bright-machined wheels.

Ford's all-new sports coupe is offered in a GT version and a base model with a V6 engine. My tester was the V6 Premium model with a starting price of $19,995.

The base model is powered by a 12-valve, single overhead cam 4.0-liter V6. It delivers 210 horsepower at 5,250 rpm and 240 foot pounds. of torque at 3,500 rpm. The V6 comes standard-equipped with a five-speed manual transmission. My tester featured the optional $995 automatic transmission, which did not detract one bit from my enjoyment of the subcompact coupe. This four-seater offered me high-end fun, and I never had to engage a clutch or shift through the gears. Its rear-wheel drive configuration gave me exceptional performance handling, aided by healthy torque. Fuel economy numbers were 19 miles per gallon city and 25 mpg highway.

The Mustang GT is fitted with a 24-valve, 4.6-liter V8 engine that generates 300 horsepower at 5,750 rpm and 320 foor pounds of torque at 4,500 rpm.

The tester's interior elicited "ooohs and aaahs" from my passengers. The test vehicle featured a $695 Crimson Red leather-trimmed sport bucket seat package. The coupe, designed as a 2+2, held my passengers snuggly in place for a stable, comfortable spin around the neighborhood.

The standard audio system in the V6 Premium is a Shaker 500 AM/FM in-dash six-disc CD and MP3 player; six-way power adjustable driver seat; air conditioning; remote keyless entry; power windows and door locks and four-wheel power disc brakes. The anti-lock brakes was a $775 option on the test-drive vehicle.

I got more eyeballing driving the 2005 Mustang from passersby than from any other Mustang I've driven in the past. The all-new Ford Mustang is a welcome return of an icon from the past.

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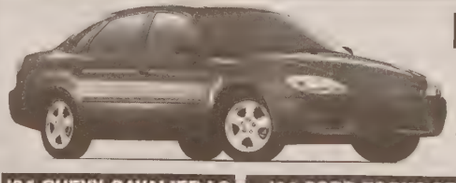
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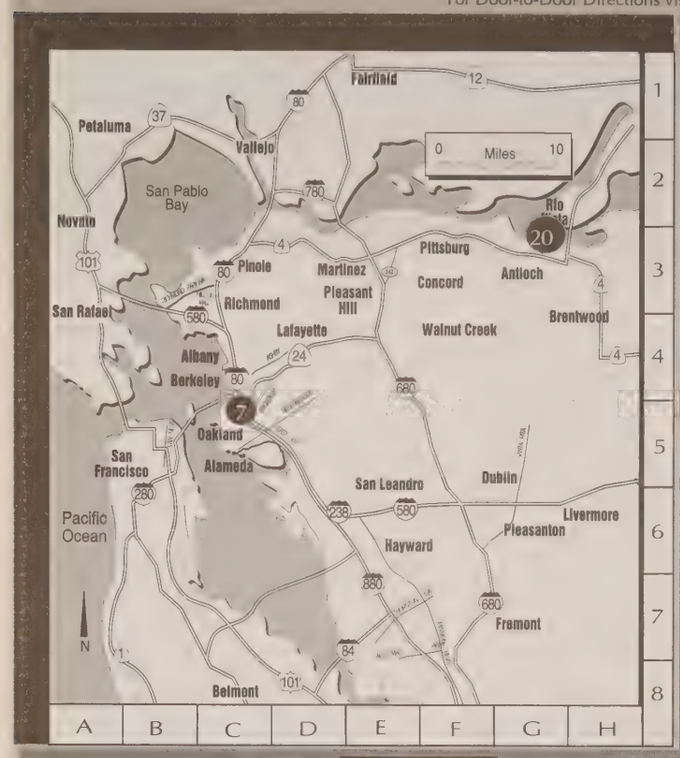
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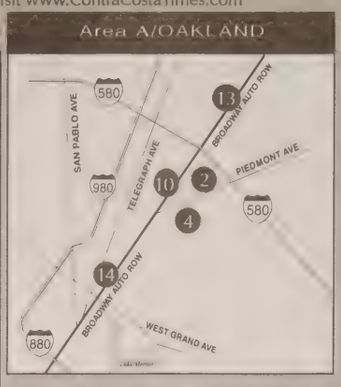
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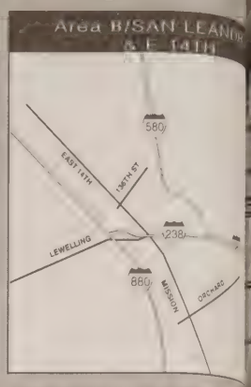
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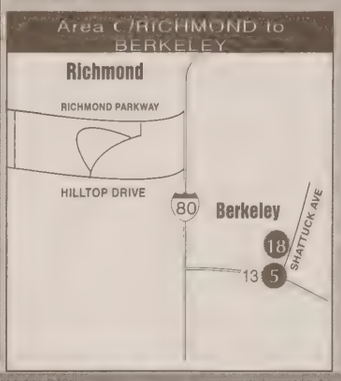
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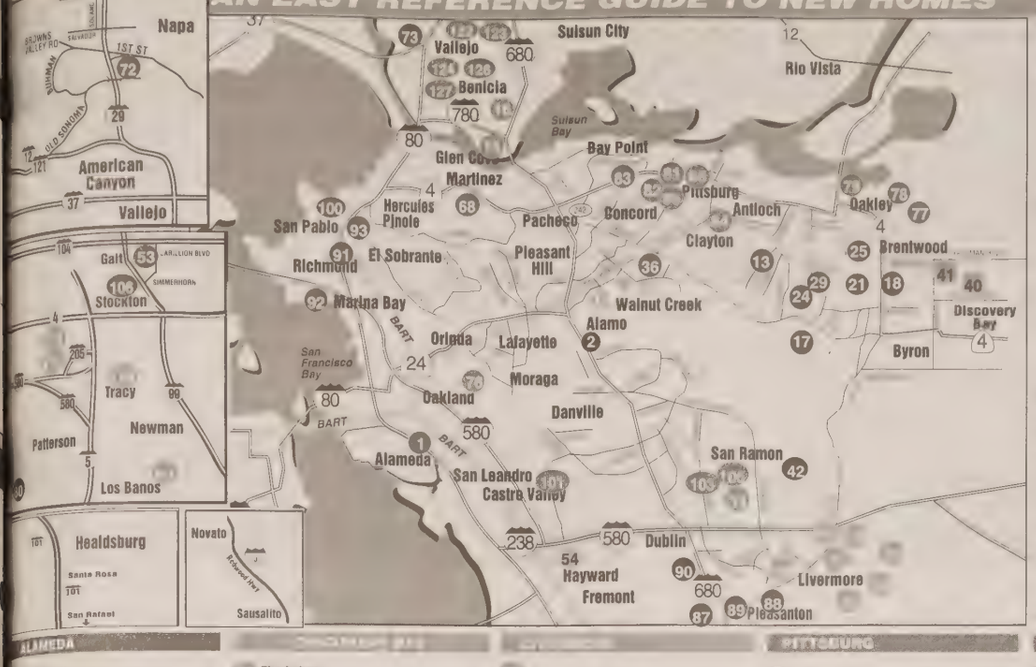
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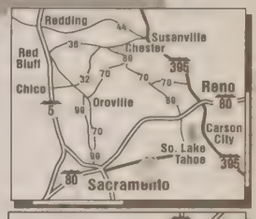


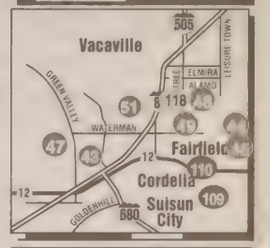
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2BD/1½ba, 2 story twnhse., new cpt. $1300. 925-207-7882

2BD/1½BA, 2 sty., W/D, AC, 2 crprts., no pets $1000 650-631-7164

2BD/1BA, bkyd., gar., hdwd. flr., Indry., quiet cent. A/C. 925-676-9810

2BD Twnhs. WC border, gar., no pets/sect. 8, $1225. 925-827-3040

3BD/2BA 1133 Meadow Lane. Remod., Nr shops No strs.No sect 8. $1400 (925)330-9296/932-3989

3BD/2½BA, dbl gar., cln., W/D, no pets. $1800. 925-989-0812

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2BD/1½ba Quiet, beaut 2 story twnhm w/pool. $1250 510-750-3351

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3BD Twnhs. Miramonte Gardens, patio, inside Indry, walk to BART bus no pets/smkg. Avail. 2/1. $1800. 925-998-9501

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2BD/1BA, Close to schl/ shops, $1195 +dep. 925-944-1362 or 323-0511

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San Ramon Condos & Townhouses

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2BD/1½BA Conc. loc. also, no pets, pool, A/C $1175 925-570-0089

2BD/1BA, Nr BART. 2700 Oak Rd. #26, $1350mo. 925-682-8109/938-9127

2BD/1½ba, walk to BART, lg. closets, nice $1550. 925-939-5775

2BD/2BA, $1370; 2723 Oak Rd. 1 block to Bart 925-784-7380; 934-6335

2BD/2BA. Ashford Ct. Nr. BART/parks! Gar! W/D, refrig, stove & microwave. $1550mo. Avail!Call 925-962-3757

2BD/2BA, new remod., nr P.H. Bart. $1500/mo. Call 925-934-7889

2BD/2BA Nr. PH Bart. 3173 Wayside Plaza. $1400. 925-932-1375

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3BD/2½BA + bonus rm., 2391sf, Las Lomas schl $2200. 510-304-7051

3BD/2BA, frplc., A/C, patio, pool, quiet, $1595. 925-447-6496

3BD/2BA Northgate schls, fruit trees, frplc. $1595. 925-899-1196

3BD/2BA WALNUT PLACE - 2650 Jones Rd. #20, REALLY NICE,frplc Pool, patio, nr. BART, smkfree, no pets. $1450. 925-408-2873

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2BD/1BA duplex Hrdwd flrs, frplc., gas stove, dshwhr, garage, coin Indry, Pets? 1020 A Taylor. $1425. 510-848-0520

2BD/1BA Quiet St. Lg. kit. basement, yd. $1500. 805-231-4206

3BD/1ba, sec. 8 ok, $1550 + util./dep. Patt, aft 7pm 510-793-1397

Alamo Homes

CHARMING, gated, 2BD/1BA hm., 1100sf., avail. 3/1, lg. fen. yd., $1700. 925-899-9868

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4BD/3BA 2615sf., 3 car gar $1995+ dep. Nancy 510-673-4797; 793-8600

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3BD/1BA, Newly remod. $1200 + dep. (510) 385-7335, (707) 643-0799

3BD/2BA Nr. Bart Refrig W/D, 2 car gar. $1450 No Dogs. 925-698-9084

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2BD/1ba - lg., wtr. front, unobstructed views of Mt Diablo sunsets, big kit. & breakfast nook, pellet stv., encl. porch, side tie dock, no pets, nonsmk., must see $1200. 650-868-1570

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2BD/1BA + bonus rm., Lg yd w/grdnr, $1475 Must see. 925-757-8512

3BD/1½BA 3 car gar., Sec. 8 ok. $1350, Avail. 3/5/05. 925-625-2309

3BD/2BA, $1650+dep Refrig., W/D. Smkfree., No pets. 925-455-8643

3BD/2½BA BRAND NEW $1850/mo. 925-354-7800

3BD/2BA Brand new home. $1750. Price Negot. 408-482-0341

Brentwood Homes

3BD/2½BA, Built in '96! 1794 Highland. New carpet & paint! 2 car gar! W/D, refrig.,grdnr incl! Nr. park! No Pets. $1650. 925-516-0118

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3BD/2BA Nice nbrhd. Big lot. Grdnr Incl Must see $1600 925-240-6373

3BD/2BA w/den nr. wtr. park. No sect. 8. Cred chk. $1800+ sec. dep. Avail. 3/1. 925-484-9363

4BD/2½BA, 1800sf, like new, grdnr., no pets, $1800 925-513-2887

4BD/2BA golf course commun brnd new, Nr. Hwy $2100 408-593-5667

4BD/2½BA, Huge kit., 5 years new! 2000 sf., $1800+dep 925-778-1823

4BD/2BA Single story. w/d, fridge, $1650+dep (925)516-7335/876-8907

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4 bed 2.5 bath Near Garin Ranch 2460 sqft. Lg. kit. Cent. heat & air Refrig. Yard ,View Gar. Nr. park Nr. schls. Nr. shopping Lg mstr Bed w/lg bthrm & walk in closet, lg liv., rm area w/frplc., avail 3/1. Sect. 8 OK. $2100. neg Bob (925)759-5945 pluta@sbcglobal.net

5BD/3½ba, Indscpd. to the tee, 755 Buckeye Ct $2300 925-625-2238

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4BD/2BA, A/C, lg yd/RV. liv., fam. & din. rms., no pets, no smkg., grdnr., $1875. 925-672-2423.

4BD/2BA, A/C, lg yd/RV, liv., fam. & din. rms., no pets, no smkg., grdnr., $1875. 925-672-2423.

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2BD/1BA 4plx. W/D, AC, gar., yd.,Bart, no sec. 8 $1150 925-939-9798

2BD/1BA Acre lot. Open 12-3. 806 Navarrone Wy. $1425 925-934-2014

2BD/2ba quiet, frplc, AC Indry, 2 car, yd., no pets nr Bart $1250 925/685-2542

3BD/1ba, $1450 + dep Nr. BART, park & schl., no dogs, fen. yd. 925-935-1365; 408-0488

3BD/1ba, AC, frplc, new cpt/paint, close in, no pets $1450 925-570-0067

3BD/1BA. Grdnr, Frplc, Gar. No pets/Section 8. $1400mo. 925-381-8220

3BD/1BA W/D, AC, pet? Nonsmkg./sec 8. Great loc. $1550 925-691-5924

3BD/2BA 1 block from Clayton. Section 8 OK. $1750. 925-698-1073

3BD/2ba, 4003 Roland Dr, nr. schls & shops, easy fwy. access, no sec 8, nonsmk., newly remod, avail. $1800 w/grdnr. 925-285-2138

3BD/2½BA, A/C, 2 car, Clean, yd., no sect 8/no pets $1700 925.820.5219

3BD/2ba, fam. rm., liv./ din rm, stv, refrig., gar., no pets. Open 11-4 Sun 2/20 $1550 415-647-2483

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3BD/2BA Lrg Mstr BD. Inside Indry. Small pet. $1495+. 925-974-7656

3BD/2ba NEW remod. frplc, A/C, yd., Bart, no pets $1550 925/685-2542

3BD/2ba remod, gar., yd/patio, no sec 8/pet $1500 mo 415-999-2037

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3BD/2BA, Turtle Crk. din/fam. rm. AC, frpl. $1700 Agt 925-736-7940

4BD/1BA lrg yd Open this wknd no sec 8 $1500+dep 925.673.5615

4BD/2BA, excel. cond., grt. loc., frplc., AC., yd., $1895. 925-685-8154

4BD/2½BA, lg. 2 sty. pool, 2 gar., frpl. $1880 925-323-7597

4BD/2BA Like new! Beaut kitch. Huge Gar. $2350mo. 925-689-0265

4BD/2BA Turtle Creek. 2 car, exec. style hm. w/lg. fam. rm., grdnr. Sec. 8 ok. $1850+dep. 925-285-3446

4BD/2BA Turtle Creek cul-de-sac, pool, frplc AC $1850 650-533-0040

CHARMING remod. 3BD, frplc., pet ? Great area $1575. 925-284-2545.

MUST SEE! Turtle Crk. 2bd/2ba+den,Ct loc,pet ok $1700 925-673-0603

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2BD/2ba Gorgeous! new pnt/cpt. Avail. $1475+dep 510-243-9714

3BD/1BA Duplex, W/D, view. $1550 +$2K dep., sec. 8 ok 510.222.5098

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3BD/2BA complt remod granite tile, new cpt./ pnt. $2000 925.640.8146

3BD/Ofc/2½BA, crk setting, 1946sf, FR, DR, yd, AC $1995 925-820-9086.

4BD/2½BA, 2300 SF, new cpt. & paint, $2100, nonsmkg., nr. Costco. 925-487-7976

4BD/2BA+fam/liv/din rm. 2 gar., Nr. golf course! $2000 925-846-1230

4BD/2ba, grt view & nbrhd. grdnr. Lg. lot $2295. 925-838-8190

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Dublin Homes

3BD/2BA on Crnr. lot! Nr. schls/shops/BART. $1850 3/1 925-803-7512

4BD/2½BA 2114sf. lg. gar., nice $2200, avail. Immed. **A&R Property Mgmt. 925-648-3411**

4BD/2BA Cent air, new crpt, remodel, no pets, $1850mo. 925-837-3251

El Cerrito Homes

3BD. Nice Area, Large bkyd., att. gar., no pets. $1600. 510-234-3208

El Sobrante Homes

3BD/1BA 2 gar, spa, big yd! Sec. 8 okay $1800 Call 510-776-9385

3BD/1BA Nice house & yard. Extra storage. Ask about rent credit. $1595. 510-222-5943

3BD/2ba, sgl. level, all applis., 2 car gar., new pnt., public trans., & schls., Carriage Hills, lease w/sec. dep., $1725. Avail. in March Call....510-758-5575

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Hercules Homes

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3BD/2BA, 2 car gar., no pets/sec. 8 $1600+dep 510-222-7514; 329-3508

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3BD/2ba, 2 car, frplc., quiet, clean, nonsmk. $1575. 925-443-3966

3BD/2BA 2 car gar. Excel. schools, nonsmk $1795. 925-484-1904

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3BD/1BA Charming Mediterranean, Grdn., Hrdwd Flrs., Sunny, Frplc., Newly Remod & Landscaped, Grt Loc.! $2800mo. 510-385-5189

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San Pablo Homes

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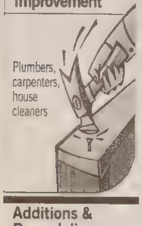
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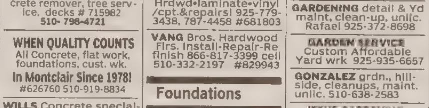


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Furniture Books Collectibles Computer equip. Glassware Hsehld. items. Kitchenware Antiques, Edison Victrola Lots of misc. No Early Birds! Sandcreek to Highland Way, follow signs or San Jose to Mill Creek, left on Highland, right on Shadowcliff

WHOLE HOUSE ESTATE SALE - Cash only!
4603 Balfour Rd. #84
Off Walnut.
Fri./Sat./Sun. 9:00-5:00
All Furnishings.

Clayton

5 FAMILY YARD SALE
5711 VERNA WAY
SAT. 2/19, 7AM-4PM
Lots of gd. clean stuff

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Concord

GARAGE SALE
Sat. 2-19: 7:30am-12pm
4392 MACHADO
Jet skills, household items, clothing, furniture, etc.

HUGE GARAGE SALE!
2/19 Sat. 9am-3pm
5312 Concerto Circle
Furn. Hsehld. items. & much more. All must go! Off of Ygnacio/ Clayton/Kirkerpass

MOVING SALE 4414 Weeping Spruce Ct. (Off N. Larwin/ Cowell Rd.) SAT 2/19, 8-4PM
Furniture, canoe, hsehold gds, audio equip., desks, tools, MISC & MUCH MORE!

MOVING SALE
Sat-Sun 9-1
1832 Baldwin Ct
off Wren/Farm Bureau
Furniture, household goods, gardening tools, clothing, linens, and decorator items

MOVING SALE
Saturday Only! 8-3pm
1101 Via Ensenada Ct.
Hshld items, some collectibles, clothing, baskets & much more!
No Early Birds!

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Danville

GARAGE SALE
Sat. 2/19. 8am-3pm
225 Marigold St.
Tassajara/Lawerence
Furn., clothes, books and much more!

MOVING SALE
Sat. 2/19, 8-2PM
Lots of furn., ping-pong tbl., patio sets, hospital bed, extras, ALL MUST GO!
16 Leeds Ct. West off Sycamore Vly. Rd.

Discovery Bay

MOVING SALE
SAT. 2/19, 9-3PM
3953 Lighthouse Pic
X st: off Newport
Antiqs, furn., & misc. decorative items.
NO EARLY BIRDS!!!

El Sobrante

GARAGE SALE
SAT. 2/19, 9-4pm
1040 St. Andrews Dr.
xst: Kelvin
Prof'l auto mechanic's tools, everything must go! Sale! Sale! Sale!

MOVING SALE
Feb. 19th: 9-4pm
3410 Fleetwood Dr
Collectibles, hshld. items, bedding, pictures, vases, grdn. tools, plants, ladders

Livermore

MOVING SALE
1125 Xavier Way
Off East Avenue
Saturday, 8:00 - 1:00
32" TV w/stand, electric lawn mower, grdn tools, furniture, more.

Martinez

SAT 2/19, 9-3
2234 Foxhill Dr
(off Arnold)
Elliptical bikes, desk, couch, loveseat & misc. hshld. items. Great Bargains!

Oakland

ESTATE SALE!!
8-6 Fri-Sun. 6611 Ascot.
Barbie #3, Elvis, Doobies, Gable & Kennedy Live! Oak twin/ bunk beds, painting, Franciscan, Engraver, chairs, school desks, bassinet, sheet music, Vintage dolls and games, Religion, LP's, sports, rain coats, 1500 books, crafts, fabric, vitamins, teaching supps., grill, 4 closets clothing, typewriters, luggage, puzzles, bedding, carpet, curtain rods, kit., vacuums.
AAAH FUN STUFF!

SUNDAY 10-2
Indoor Apt Sale
302 Palm Ave.
(at Perkins)
Hshld., some furniture, books, bric-a-brac

Oakland

Sat & Sun 10-4
2811 Chapman St
HUGE Indoor Warehouse Sale. 1000's of items. Records, posters, collectables, toys clothes, tools, musical equip. To much to list.

TAG SALE
5902 College Ave.
Sat. & Sun. 8 to 4 p.m.
Multi-Family Sale
In old Idi & Co. space
Everything from junk to utilitarian to collectibles to antiques

Oakley

MOVING SALE, EVERYTHING GOES!!
5000 KELSEY LN. #208
(Enter thru back gate on Oakley Road)
FRI./SAT./SUN. 9am-?

MULTI FAMILY SALE
Sat 2/19, 8-3
12 Birmingham Ct
(off Laurel)
Clothes, hshld. items, 4x8 utility trailer. Something for everyone. **Rain or Shine**

Pacheco

GARAGE/ESTATE SALE
Sat 2/19, 8-3
324 3rd Ave South
(Center Ave. to Flame Dr. to 3rd Ave. South, driveway on corner of Christen & 3rd Ave So)

Pittsburg

SAT 10-4, SUN 12-4
3916 Alta Vista Cir
(off Crestview)
Household furnishings appliances, tools Everything must go No antiques

Pleasant Hill

MOVING SALE
Everything Must Go! Furniture, appliances, decorative items, crystal collection & more. Everything in exc cond Sat. & Sun., 9am-1pm.
40 Foothill Place

MOVING SALE
Saturday Feb. 19th
8 A.M TO 2 P.M.
1860 Helen Road
(Btwn Gregory/Taylor)
Furn., hshld. gds., books, & much more.

Pleasanton

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San Pablo

MOVING SALE
2779 14th St.
Sat. 2-19: 9-2pm
Kitchenware, crafts, kit. tbl. w/chrs. refrig. micro. W/stand, tools, BBQ, misc. items.
ALL MUST GO!

San Ramon

MOVING SALE
142 Enchanted Way
Saturday Only! 10-4pm
Everything Must Go!
Furniture, household items, dishes, etc.

MULTI-FAM. SALE
SAT. Feb. 19, 8-Noon
9415 Olympia Field Dr
xst: Nr Alcosta
Furniture, kid's items, hsehld items, decorations, crafts & more!

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San Ramon

MUST SELL!
Multi-Fam Yard Sale
Sat Feb 19 8AM-Noon
87 Tumbleweed Ct. SR
Baby Clothes Baby Items Books Couch Din. rm. furn. Furn. Glassware Hsehld items. Kids clothes Kitchenware Liv. rm. furn. Lots of misc.
Bollinger to Morgan to Derby to Sage

Walnut Creek

162 VENADO CORTE
(off Ygnacio & Via Monte)
Family room furniture, sectional sofa, stereos, TV, bikes, lawn mower, misc. items.
SUNDAY ONLY 9-1

ESTATE SALE
WALNUT CREEK
420 CENTER ST.
EVERYTHING IN THIS HOME IS OLD!
Crystal, glassware, pottery & silver. Japanese art & screens. 50s furniture, lamps. Lampshade (Tiffany). Jewelry. TOO MUCH TO LIST IT ALL!
FRI.9-3
SAT 9-12PM
BEST OFFERS CONSIDERED!

Walnut Creek

MOVING SALE
1831 Second Ave.
Saturday Only! 8-2pm
furn., sm. freezer, hshld. items, books, & much, much more

MOVING SALE
Furniture, bedding, linens, potted plants, books, guitar, etc.
630 Teak Ct.
Sat. Feb. 19, 8am-4pm.
RAIN OR SHINE!

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MOVING SALE!!!
Sunday, 9AM-2PM 2250 LOCH LN. solid oak ent. cabinet,2 wing chairs, queen bed+hdboard, single oak wtr-bed+bkcase hdboard, dresser, HO train set W/2 cntrls on plywood, books,Star Trek collectibles, computer equip, glassware, hsehld.items. kitchenware,clothes, toys, Elec.typewriter, desk chairs. 3 cars. Lots of misc. No Early Birds! Dir: Ygnacio Valley Rd. south on Walnut Ave. left at Belford, right at Dover, left at Loch Ln.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Fri. 2/18, 9-2:30
Many hshld. items incl. bD furn., some antiques, designer clothes, & collectibles
Ygnacio Vly. Rd. to Oak Grove to Diablo Shadow to Stinson Cir. 3132 Melbourne
Rain Or Shine!

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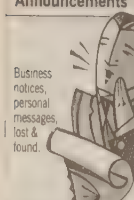
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COCKATIEL: Yellow, Homestead/Walnut Ave. WC. 925-798-7505

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DOG small. Found W. Leland, Pittsburg. 925-698-5926

KITTEN - friendly, found near Appian Way in El Sobrante 510-223-3284

MODEL Airplane found, radio controlled, Conc. musix@astound.net

PIT BULL, sweet brown, found in Oakland. Call 510-267-1915

RING found 2/14 at Good Scents Florist In Oakley. 925-625-5550

Lost

RAT TERRIER "Snickers" blk/wht/tan, 12" high, 17lbs, nr El Cerro/ Diablo. 925-552-6426

BEAGLE 2/11, no collar, Garin Ranch, Brentwd. Reward 925-634-5945

BLACK/grey Tabby, swirled, Fem Spade 2 yrs old, lost 2/2/05 Martinez, Center & Snow 925-228-4071

CAT, blk. w/wht. chest, wht. legs, male. $50 Reward. 925-938-5178

CAT, Crest Ave nr. Tice Vly Rd, striped blk. & brown shorthair, fem. REWARD **FOUND**

CAT - male, orange stripes Buchanan/L St. Antioch 925-778-1239

CAT, neutered male, young, blk. & wht., cork-screw tail 925-352-7896

CHARM Bracelets (2) lg. & gold. Huge **TOPAZ RING,** all in dark velvet bag. Very sentimental. Reward. 925-260-9917

COCKATIEL Antioch **REWARD.** 925-753-1950: 925-586-2241

DOG wht/grey Shi-tzu /Lhasa Apso mix fem lost 2/12 Danv. West - side off Linda Mesa /Esther Ln 925-855-1001

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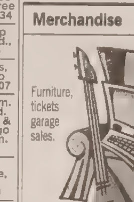
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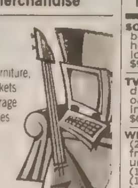
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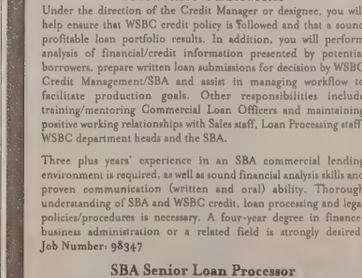
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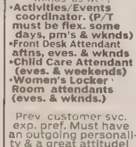
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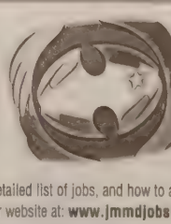
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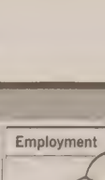
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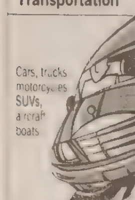
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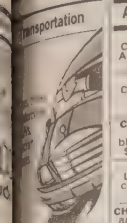
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HICAGO — It does not matether they cook in a simple or an upscale restaurant - chefs are recognizing that ke to feel at home when ge out. According to restauchefs and food experts there's one dish that really us home: Short ribs.

ort ribs are the ultimate rt food," said Sarah Stegowner of Prairie Grass Cafe thbrook, Ill., where she has realing her customers to a plate of braised barbecued ribs.

nwhile, at Chicago's 22 urant & Bar Moderne, chef h Rossi talked about short if he were, well, their fa- "You've got to put a lot of into them ... and take care of ." He said he still feels that ter recently cooking 60 s of short ribs for a corpoholiday party.

home cooks, short ribs can you feel like a millionaire for to $5 a pound.

may not be accustomed to ing for short ribs. Here's a they're beef, but they're not ribs." Short ribs are cut from butchers call the "chuck prihich contains the first sevs of the rib cage. Like some best chuck, they can be mbled but still need to be slowly at low heat to tenand self-baste.

rt ribs are sold in two styles. oken" style, created by cutross the bones, has thickly beef wrapping around one sections of bone that are bout two inches square. The yle is the English short rib, s cut parallel to a three- to ch length of bone. No matcut, you should buy about ourths to one pound per

Myriad cookbooks and Internet sites reflect an international love of short ribs. Korean, Jewish, French, Italian, German, Eastern European and South and Central American cuisines feature them. These dishes share certain principles and a common look and feel.

The most simple ingredients — vegetables, broth and seasonings — are used to transform short ribs into supper. After browning them, you have two to three hours to do whatever you want — except turn up the heat to rush the cooking!

Why should you wait so patiently, you ask? What's the reward?

People will swoon. It could be the most undiscovered aphrodisiac a cook has to offer.

Chefs' secrets and tips

It is true that restaurants, either because of their professional equipment or sheer volume, can achieve certain results with some dishes that the home cook cannot achieve. Great steakhouses, for example, have grills that are hotter than 100 blow-torches.

Yet superb, restaurant-quality short ribs are within a home cook's reach. They do not require tremendous blasts of heat, just sustained low heat. There also is room for creativity — but not in the basic steps or the speed of the cooking.

"Short ribs are a dish that require that you make a day of it," said executive chef and partner Jason Paskewitz of JP Chicago restaurant. "Don't think you can plan for a dinner at 8 o'clock and start cooking at 6."

The process involves four steps: browning, braising, reducing and degreasing. "These few steps have held up for hundreds of years; it is a classic technique," Paskewitz said.

The path to greatness

Seasoning: If you season at all, lightly sprinkle the meat with salt or celery salt and pepper.

Browning: Always pat each short rib dry using a paper towel and do not overcrowd the pan or you will be steaming, not searing, the meat.

Sear the short ribs on all sides in hot oil in a Dutch oven or deep skillet. You want to create a caramelized coating on all sides of the meat before placing it in the oven. Remove the ribs from the Dutch oven and place in a covered dish. Pour off as much grease as possible from the Dutch oven but keep the browned bits for flavor.

Chef Charles Grund of Pili.Pili restaurant in Chicago said that you don't want to overbrown the meat because "meat seizes up when it is seared. It is squeezing itself in reaction to the heat and you can accidentally cook too much moisture out of it."

Braising: Using the same pan, add the short ribs seasoning, herbs, vegetables and enough liquid (usually a combination of wine, broth or water) halfway up the sides of the short ribs and cook in an oven at low heat (300 degrees) for two or three hours.

"Braise, but don't boil," said Stegner. Stegner offers other tips that she considers a must: "Use fresh herbs, such as fresh thyme, in order to achieve flavor that is both part of the body of the short ribs and is also part of the sauce." Stegner uses chicken stock to braise short ribs: "Never use bouillon; water is better."

Rossi said that braising requires a simple strategy to prevent not only boiling but accidentally steaming the short ribs.

"We cut out a parchment paper lid and place it over the contents of the pan," Rossi said. "This keeps the tops of the short ribs moist as the braising liquid reduces and the meat is exposed to the oven's heat.

For Everest chef/owner Jean Jo-ho, the subject of short ribs brings forth memories. He serves his customers a short rib recipe that he has "refined from the cuisine bourgeois that I grew up on in Alsace."

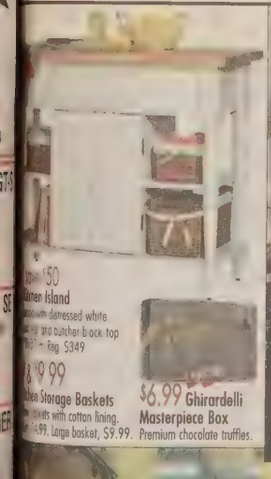
"While you are enjoying the wonderful aromas that a long and slow cooking creates, you must know the right moment to take the short ribs out of the braise," he said.

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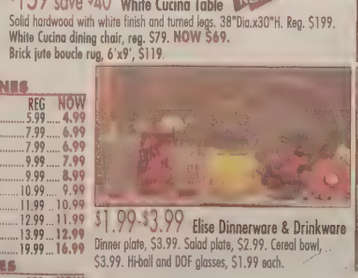
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Ribs

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Reducing, degreasing the sauce

After the short ribs are cooked, you can remove the ribs and reduce the sauce to a thicker consistency.

Stegner pointed out "that when removing the short ribs to a holding dish, always keep them covered in some sauce or stock."

Degreasing is the last essential step. After the short ribs have been removed, skim the fat from the braising liquid or strain the sauce into a fat separator and return only the liquid to the pan. You also can place the sauce in the freezer for a short period to cool and force the fat to quickly rise to the top.

Rossi has another short-cut for removing the fat from the sauce: "Create an ice bath in the sink or in a very large bowl filled with ice and some water. Transfer the strained and reduced sauce to a metal bowl that conducts cold temperature fast — plastic or ceramic won't work — and place the bowl up to its lip in the ice bath."

Dealing with the bones

A short-rib dinner always requires a little workout — getting the meat off the bones. But that's part of the fun.

Most chefs begin cooking the ribs with the meat still attached to the bones, even if they ultimately serve a boneless short rib dish. At Everest Joho pays homage to the tradition of the bone-in short ribs, but does so by removing the bone and strip of fat beneath the short rib meat. Then for each short rib he deftly ties the thick meat back on to the bone, almost resembling a chop.

At Pili.Pili, Grund removes the bone and the belt of fat that holds the bone to the meat during cooking. At 22 Restaurant & Bar Moderne, Rossi serves only the hand-pulled meat off the rib enrobed in sauce.

At JP Chicago, the short ribs are cooked so they fall gently from the bone and are then served boneless and trimmed. One of Paskewitz's secrets is using bittersweet chocolate with the short ribs as they are braising. It adds a depth of color and flavor, he said.

Whether you seek traditional short ribs or something more intriguing, perhaps a chef's approach will wow a short rib lover in your own home.

SHORT RIBS BRAISED IN PINOT NOIR

At Everest, chef Jean Joho debones these ribs, then ties the meat back on the bone which is then "inverted for a vertical display." Joho uses an Alsatian pinot noir in the dish and garnishes it with fried leeks. We have simplified his recipe for the home cook.

2 tablespoons canola oil
3 tablespoons butter
6 short ribs, about 14 ounces each
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 each, roughly chopped: onion, carrot, celery
4 large cloves garlic, crushed
1 bottle (750 millliliters) pinot noir or other medium-bodied red wine
3 sprigs thyme
3 sprigs parsley plus ½ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 bay leaf

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil and 1 tablespoon of the butter in a Dutch oven over high heat. Season ribs with ½ teaspoon of the salt and pepper to taste. Cook ribs in batches until browned on all sides, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon of the oil and 1 tablespoon of the butter to the Dutch oven; reduce heat to medium-high. Add the onion, carrot, celery, garlic, remaining ½ teaspoon of the salt and pepper to taste. Cook, stirring, until the onions are soft and beginning to caramelize, about 10 minutes.

Add the wine, thyme, parsley sprigs and bay leaf to the Dutch oven; heat mixture to a boil. Add the ribs; cover.

Transfer to the oven. Cook, turning the ribs every 30 minutes, until meat is very tender and falling from the bone, 2 ½ hours to 3 hours.

Transfer the ribs to a platter; set aside. Pour the vegetables and liquid into a strainer placed over a large bowl. Press hard on the vegetables to extract the liquid; skim fat from liquid. Return liquid to the Dutch oven. Heat to a boil; stir in the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter.

Add the ribs and ¼ cup of the chopped parsley. Cook until heated through, about 5 minutes. Transfer ribs and liquid to the platter. Garnish with remaining ¼ cup of the parsley.

Preparation time: 25 minutes, cooking time: 3 hours, makes 6 servings.

BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH CHOCOLATE

Jason Paskewitz of JP Chicago serves these rich ribs with garlic mashed potatoes and peppered collard greens. He suggests using a good-quality chocolate, such as Callebaut, and veal stock instead of chicken broth, if you have it.

8 beef short ribs, each with two bones, about 14 ounces each
½ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
10 cloves garlic, minced
3 ribs celery, chopped
1 each, chopped: 1 small onion, large carrot
1 bottle (750 milliliters) dry red wine
1 cup chicken broth
2 bay leaves
¼ cup fresh thyme leaves
1 cup chopped bittersweet chocolate
½ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
Zest and juice of 1 small lemon, optional

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Season ribs with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook ribs in batches until browned, about 3 minutes per side; set ribs aside. Discard all but 1 tablespoon of the fat from the Dutch oven.

Reserve 1 tablespoon of the garlic for later. Add remaining garlic plus the celery, onion and carrot to the Dutch oven; cook, stirring often, until onion is soft and lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Stir in the wine and broth, scrapping up brown bits on the bottom of the pan. Heat to a boil. Return ribs to Dutch oven; add bay leaves and thyme.

Distribute chocolate over the liquid.

Cover Dutch oven tightly with foil; top with lid. Transfer to oven. Cook until meat is almost falling off the bone, about 3 hours. Remove ribs to a platter; cover with foil to keep warm.

Pour remaining pan mixture through a strainer into a bowl, pressing out as much liquid as possible from vegetables; skim off fat.

Return mixture to Dutch oven; cook over high heat to reduce by half, about 15 minutes. Reduce heat to medium; return ribs to sauce. Cook until heated through, 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, stir together parsley, lemon zest and juice and reserved garlic. Transfer ribs and sauce to the platter; spoon parsley mixture over ribs.

Preparation time: 40 minutes, cooking time: 3 hours, 50 minutes, makes 8 servings.

BRAISED BARBECUED SHORT RIBS

This simple recipe is adapted from one used by Sarah Stegner and George Bumbaris of Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook. For the chili sauce, they use the Heinz brand. After the ribs are cooked, the sauce can be thickened by reducing over high heat to the desired consistency.

4 beef short ribs on two bones, 14-16 ounces each
½ teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 onions, chopped
1 each, chopped: carrot, celery rib
3 cans (14 1/ 2 ounces each) chicken broth
1 cup chili sauce
¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 bay leaves
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves

Heat oven to 300 degrees; season ribs with the salt and pepper. Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Cook ribs in batches until browned, about 3 minutes per side; set ribs aside.

Add the onions, carrot and celery to Dutch oven; cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Add the chicken broth, chili sauce, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, bay leaves and thyme. Return meat to the Dutch oven; cover.

Transfer to the oven. Bake until the meat is very tender, about 2 ½-3 hours. Remove bay leaves; discard.

Remove the meat from the bones; place meat on deep platter. Discard bones. Skim the fat from the sauce. Spoon the sauce over the warm ribs.

Preparation time: 35 minutes, cooking time: 3 hours, makes 4 servings.

SHORT RIBS, SWEET POTATOES AND SPINACH

Chef Charles Grund of Pili.Pili restaurant serves these meaty ribs and vegetables garnished with seared scallops. But we liked the dish just as well without them.

2 tablespoons olive oil
4 short ribs, about 14 ounces each
1 ¾ teaspoons salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 bottle (750 milliliters) dry red wine
3 each, chopped: carrot, celery rib
1 onion, chopped
5 bay leaves
5 sprigs thyme
1 can (14 ½ ounces) beef broth
4 medium sweet potatoes
½ cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon honey
1 clove garlic, chopped
4 cups baby spinach, about 4 ounces

Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Season short ribs with ½ teaspoon of the salt and pepper to taste; cook ribs in batches until browned, about 3 minutes per side. Return ribs to Dutch oven; add wine, carrot, celery, onion, bay leaves and thyme; cover. Refrigerate 2 hours.

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Add beef broth to Dutch oven. Heat just to a boil over high heat. Cover with foil and the lid; place in oven. Cook until very tender, about 3 hours.

Remove ribs and vegetables to a platter; strain liquid into large sauce-pan. Heat over medium-high heat until reduced by half, about 35 minutes. Season with ½ teaspoon of the salt and pepper to taste.

Meanwhile, roast sweet potatoes in the oven until fork-tender, about 1 hour. Peel; place in medium bowl with cream, 1 tablespoon of the butter, honey, ½ teaspoon of the salt and pepper to taste. Mash with a potato masher; keep warm.

Melt remaining 1 tablespoon of the butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add garlic. Cook 1 minute.

Add spinach; cook, stirring frequently, until spinach wilts, about 4 minutes. Season with remaining ¼ teaspoon of the salt and pepper.

Divide potatoes among four plates; flatten lightly with the back of a spoon. Divide spinach over potatoes. Place a short rib over spinach. Drizzle reduced liquid on each plate.

Preparation time: 25 minutes, marinating time: 2 hours, cooking time: 4 hours, makes 4 servings.

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Many baby boomers will scramble to make ends meet in retirement

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DETROIT — No matter how you run the numbers, many baby boomers are looking at a far less glamorous retirement than all those delightful TV ads might suggest.

Dreaming of tai chi classes on the beach? Kayaking in the Grand Canyon? Or maybe cruising off into the Caribbean sunset?

The reality is that at least half of all baby boomers — about 76 million people ages 40 to 58 — will be in a serious cash crunch when they stop working.

The first boomers turn 62 and are eligible to tap Social Security in 2008. Yet a recent New York University study found more than half of all households closing in on retirement won't be able to string together enough money — through pension checks, 401(k)s, other savings and Social Security — to cover 75 percent of what they're making now.

The 75-percent standard is a pretty basic goal for retirement planning. You might even feel you need more money to live. But ask yourself this: Could you live on half or less of what you're making today?

I know workplace experts have warned companies to prepare for all sorts of calamities when this giant generation walks out the door for all at once. But I think that worry is misplaced.

I'm far more concerned about the plight of millions of boomers who won't have enough money to comfortably retire when they are ready.

Faced with the choice of staying on the job, or living on a lot less money, I think many will keep working well into their 60s and 70s.

Some will choose to remain in their jobs. Others will go into semi-retirement, taking whatever part-time or contract work they can find to maintain their standard of living.

"What's true today is that the uncertainties surrounding retirement are far greater than they were for the previous generation," said Olivia Mitchell, professor of insurance and risk management at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

"I think the baby boomers are going to redefine retirement — and it's going to include work much more than in the past."

Mitchell, 51, is a boomer and she plans to keep working as long as she can, too.

"I'm not going to retire," she said.

Boomers will get crunched on a bunch of fronts. They'll pay more for health care in retirement than their parents, they'll most likely get less money from Social Security, and many won't see a traditional perks on check.

Companies are cutting back on traditional pensions, and they're getting stingier with health care coverage for retirees, too.

The reality is that someone else — Uncle Sam or their old employers — won't be picking up most of the boomer bills in retirement. Boomers will need to turn to their own savings — or develop a plan to keep working.

The boomer generation needs to get ready for "the largest do-it-yourself project this country has ever seen," said Andrew Tappe, senior vice president for Fidelity Brokerage Services in Boston.

And they're not ready yet.

"Clearly, boomers are not going to have enough money to meet basic expenses," said Steve Blakely, editorial and communications director for the nonprofit Employee Benefits Research Institute in Washington, D.C. The study suggests America's boomers face an income shortfall of at least $45 billion in 2030 alone when boomers will range from ages 66 to 84.

Many will have a tough time covering basic living expenses as well as the high-cost, late-in-life expenses of a nursing home or home health care, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

Those most at risk are single women in the lowest income groups, who don't make enough money to save much, if anything, for retirement.

And of course, it hasn't helped that many middle- and upper-income boomers tend to be bigger spenders than their parents.

So, they'll be juggling more debt and extra bills in retirement. Some boomers could be paying $1,200 a month for their mortgage in their golden years.

It hasn't helped matters that as many older boomers inched toward retirement, their 401(k) investments got smacked by one of the worst bear markets ever.

Many who were saving for retirement saw five-figure losses in their IRA's, stocks and mutual funds.

Even many thrifty boomers say they can't afford to retire as soon as they once dreamed.

Dave Peters, 55, says that during the stock market boom in the late 1990s he thought that he'd retire at age 57 or so. He had been a computer worker in the computer field for many years. He has worked for the last nine years as a performance analyst at Ford Motor Co.'s information technology complex, called Ford in Dearborn, Mich.

Peters imagined a semi-retirement of sorts. He planned to pick up some extra part-time computer work at a small company and bank on his investments. He also would qualify for a Ford pension.

Then, his mutual funds took a big hit.

Now, he's not even planning to retire at 62 or 65.

He has no intention of leaving his job at Ford in the next few years, if he can help it.

"I don't expect to retire," Peters said. "I'm going to work until I die. They'll find me at my desk."

Peters is only half joking. He hasn't given up on saving for retirement. Unlike many boomers, he's setting aside the maximum amount possible each year in his 401(k).

"It's a great way of saving, if I put it away, I won't miss it," Peters said.

Other boomers aren't saving anywhere close to $10,000 or more a year for retirement.

Let's start out looking at workers age 35 to 44; the group includes some younger boomers.

The median savings in retirement accounts — meaning half the group has more and half has less — was $28,500, according to the latest data from the Federal Reserve's 2001 Survey of Consumer Finances. These retirement accounts include 401(k)s and IRAs.

If you look at workers age 45 to 54, the median amount in retirement savings goes up to $48,000.

And workers age 55 to 64 had a median savings in retirement accounts of $55,000.

Granted, the numbers are better than they were in the previous survey for 1998. Then, for example, the median for 45 to 54 year olds was $37,000.

But a nest egg of $50,000 or less won't get you far in retirement, especially if you've already got plenty of bills to pay.

Consider this: It's possible that a retired couple could pay $1,200 to $1,400 a month to cover their medical insurance if they retire before age 65 and their employer does not offer medical insurance in retirement, according to Ron DeStefano, senior vice president and consulting actuary for Aon Consulting in Baltimore.

Once they hit age 65 and can go on Medicare, they might pay $400 a month for additional medical coverage in retirement.

One survey of investors who are not retired yet said their biggest concern about retirement is how much health coverage they'll have after retirement.

About 43 percent of investors in Detroit are worried about health care coverage in retirement, according to the Gallup Organization survey for UBS, a financial services firm. Nationwide, about 44 percent of investors had similar fears.

By contrast, roughly 10 percent saw boredom as a major problem in retirement.

The investors surveyed last summer have at least $10,000 in investable assets. Throughout the United States, the sample involved 612 investors who had not yet retired.

"By and large, most boomers aren't prepared," said Mary Farrell, managing director and senior investment strategist for UBS Wealth Management in New York.

Farrell, who has been giving talks across the country on retirement savings, says boomers need to save more money because they need to plan for higher health care costs in retirement.

On top of that, anyone saving for retirement needs to understand that many prices, not just health care, will be higher in 20 or 30 years, thanks to inflation.

But here's the most amazing response out of the UBS survey: About 89 percent of all U.S. investors surveyed expected to work after retirement.

Only about 12 percent of retirees work now.

When you talk to boomers, many say they'll need to keep working — or postpone retirement — because they'll still need to put their children through college. Or they don't work in jobs that have traditional pension plans. Or they don't want to give up spending money on the good life now.

Alan Hull, 51, says he's not looking to retire from his information technology job at Ford soon. He lost about $20,000 during the Internet bubble.

But the real reason he doesn't want to retire early is that he enjoys spending money.

He took his girlfriend to Tahiti four years ago. This year, they went to his time-share spot in Cancun, Mexico.

And Hull, who began working for Ford in 2001, enjoys buying his toys. He's spent several thousand dollars on a home entertainment system.

"I'm not looking to quit working anytime soon," Hull said.

Steven Siman, 56, an estate-planning attorney in Troy, Mich., said he's not looking to retire in the immediate future because he has a son in sixth grade. He'll be in his mid-60s when he'll be dealing with his son's college tuition bills.

Siman, who is divorced, is self-employed and must cover his own retirement and medical bills.

He doesn't have a lot of toys. But he has a new mortgage and must already put aside $1,200 a month for medical coverage. He saves about 25 percent of his pay for retirement.

And he says he's not sure he could live well on 75 percent of his income in retirement, as some financial planners suggest.

He thinks he'd need more money. He wants to travel and do things he didn't have time to do while he was working.

"I'd love to go to the Badlands. I'd love to travel the Trans-Canadian Rail. It goes all the way across Canada. It's a beautiful trip," Siman said.

And all those kinds of things cost a lot of money.

The scary part is that some retirement experts question whether boomers will be able to patch together enough money in retirement to cover the essentials.

Take a couple that made $50,000 a year during the working years. If they're retired now, there's a good chance that a pension, Social Security benefits and savings are enabling that couple to get their hands on at least $37,500 a year in retirement.

Today, roughly six out of 10 retirees are able to replace at least three-fourths of their yearly wages once they retire, according to Edward Wolff, a New York University economist.

Yet Wolff's research suggests only 48 percent of older households headed by people age 47 to 64 will be able to replace 75 percent or more of their pre-retirement income.

Why the falloff?

One reason: Many boomers won't be able to depend on a traditional pension.

Fewer than half of the 47- to 64-year-olds have traditional defined pensions. Wolff says 20 years ago, about two-thirds of retirees had a traditional defined pension plan.

"There's no law that says we all have to have a comfortable retirement and it may be that a large percentage of the next generation (of retirees) won't," said Patrick Purcell, specialist in social legislation for the Congressional Research Service for the Library of Congress.

Another reason for trouble: Social Security benefits have already been cut for younger boomers.

Today, the average wage earner can expect Social Security benefits to replace about 40 percent of their previous earnings.

But younger boomers should expect that Social Security might replace only 25 percent to 30 percent of their income in retirement, said Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

That takes into account cutbacks that are already in place — and factors in some extra cuts in the future that are expected to take place to shore up the system.

Today's youngest boomers, the 40-somethings, also are among the most vulnerable to a slew of cutbacks in retirement benefits.

It's not going to be a pretty picture for many boomer retirees.

"They're going to have to scramble to make ends meet," Munnell said.

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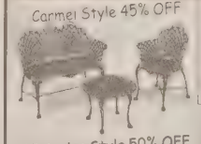
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Sixteen-month sabbatical proved to couple what they need: Each oth

BY JOE GUY COLLIER
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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Bert and Theresa Sherman sit at the kitchen table in their Grand Rapids home — Domino's pizza spread across the counter; their dog Shadow, a Lab mix, sprawled out on the linoleum floor.

"He goes everywhere with me," Theresa says. "If I'm in the car, he's in the car."

A few years ago, the Shermans, now both in their 30s, were too busy to take care of a dog. Bert was running his own engineering company. As a manager at Ford Motor Co., Theresa was gone most weeks visiting car dealerships.

With the stresses of daily life mounting, the Shermans decided to take a break. They quit their jobs, sold their house and hit the road, with no set agenda, in a Ford pickup truck and 19-foot camper. They created a sabbatical from work and real life.

"I wanted to get my priorities straight," Theresa says. "I wasn't really happy. I loved Bert. I loved success. I loved doing well. But I was never with my husband. I thought, `I don't want to do this for the rest of my life.'"

The Shermans aren't the only ones who needed a break. Formal sabbaticals are rare outside the academic sector, but experts say more people in the business world are seeking time to reassess their lives.

They're working longer hours, moving up in their careers and not feeling satisfied, says Mary Lou Quinlan, author of "Time Off for Good Behavior" (Broadway Books, $23.95). The book tells the stories of 37 women who took time off from work.

"In this modern world, what we're talking about is a remedy so you can get your mojo back," Quinlan says.

When the Shermans decided to take their sabbatical, friends and family told them they were crazy. People said they would last three months, six months tops, away from the corporate world.

The Shermans held out for 16 months. Today, three years after the trip, their lives are still affected by the time away. They learned how to get by on less money, make more time for each other and slow down long enough to enjoy what's around them.

"Our quality of life right now is 100 times better than it was before," says Bert, who wrote a book about the journey with his wife, "Goodbye Careers Hello American Adventure" (iUniverse, $14.95).

In 2000, before their adventure, life looked good for Theresa and Bert. Both Michigan State University graduates, they met in East Lansing in 1994 and married four years later.

They had good starts on successful careers. They had moved to the Kansas City area and bought a house.

Bert ran his own one-man engineering consulting firm. Theresa was in charge of retail development at Ford for about 200 Kansas City-area Lincoln-Mercury dealerships.

The couple was so busy, they seldom saw each other.

"There were plenty of weeks where Monday morning would come, she'd leave and I wouldn't see her again until Friday night," Bert says.

In March 2000, over dinner one random Friday night, Bert suggested they take a sabbatical. His father, a Michigan State English professor, had taken a sabbatical when Bert was a child. Why couldn't they do the same thing?

"I just started laughing," Theresa says. "I thought he was joking."

But in a few weeks, they were convinced it was something they needed to do. They told their families about their intentions over Easter weekend.

On May 1, they put their home up for sale; it sold the same day. They bought a camper and adopted 5-month-old Shadow from a neighbor. They had wanted a dog before but hadn't had time to take care of one.

They set aside $25,000 for travel; they would go as far as that would take them.

In June 2000, they pulled out of Overland Park, Kan. Not long into the trip, reality returned. At the first stop, about 150 miles into the trip, Bert returned to the truck cab, stunned by rising gas prices. They'd spent $45 and barely gotten into Missouri. He told Theresa he wasn't sure if they had thought this trip through.

"I about fell out of the truck," Theresa says.

Their concerns soon eased; their lives wound down. They kept journals. They chatted with locals and fellow travelers. They took Shadow on walks through the woods. They have scrapbooks and albums filled with mementos and photos of their journey — prairie dogs in Nebraska, elk in South Dakota, whales off the Alaskan coast.

They traveled cheaply and simply — stopping at grocery stores to stock up on food and camping mostly at state and national parks. They learned that Wal-Mart parking lots also provide a friendly place for overnight stays.

Along the way, they visited friends all over the United States — Ohio, Michigan, Montana, Alaska and North Carolina. Before the trip was over, the Shermans had crisscrossed North America, heading first up to Alaska, then south along the West Coast. They crossed the continental United States to Florida and drove along the East Coast for fall.

"Every day we would wake up and say, `Where do you want to go?'" Theresa says.

After a year on the road, the Shermans landed in Wyoming and decided it was time to find work again. "We felt fulfilled," Theresa says. "We were ready to come back."

They also were running out of money in their travel fund.

In the fall of 2001, Bert applied for a job at a Grand Rapids engineering firm, where he still works.

Theresa landed a job in marketing and customer service with a furniture maker in Grand Rapids. Three months after getting the job, she quit.

"It was structure and I didn't like that," Theresa says. "I wanted to be outside. I wanted to be with Shadow."

On a typical day now, Theresa takes Shadow for a walk, cleans the house, goes to the grocery store and prepares their meals. She takes care of the errands that used to fill their weekends and weeknights.

She also takes art lessons from a neighbor and attends a weekly scripture and current affairs class at St. Stephen Catholic Church.

Theresa does temp work at times, but the Shermans decided they could get by on one full-time salary.

Before the trip, they had a combined six-figure income. They're making half what they were before, but they say they enjoy their lives more.

They spend less money. They drive used cars, a 1997 Mercury Villager and a 2001 Ford F150. They live in a smaller house, a 1,900-square-foot Cape Cod-style home, in a smaller city, Grand Rapids. And they don't bother keeping up with the latest fashion trends.

"I wear a lot of T-shirts and sweats," Theresa says. "Jeans is dressing up for me."

The Shermans spend more time together. Bert comes home for lunch most days. Theresa makes them cold-cut sandwiches. She usually has dinner in the oven when Bert comes home from work, so they have time for an evening walk. They order pizza at least once a week, although Theresa has become picky lately about toppings: She's in the early stages of pregnancy with their first child. Now a plain cheese pizza is most palatable to her.

A pot of fresh flowers sits on their kitchen table. Bert brought them home the other day as a pick-me-up.

The Shermans say they're glad they took the sabbatical. "Now, just having a roof over my head and having a wife and dog and a baby on the way, that's all I need," Bert says.

Theresa says she never thought she'd want to be a stay-at-home wife or mom, but she's changed her outlook on life. "I don't want to go back to the high-stress, fast-paced world," she says. "Now, my goal is to do what makes us happy."



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nce more, many find terrariums entrancing

BY DENISE COWIE
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

PHILADELPHIA — Terrariums, miniature green worlds un- glass that gardeners of a cer- age remember so well, are ng a comeback.

rrarium-workshop attendance plant stores and gardening ers are showcasing fancy con- , the Philadelphia Flower w, the Philadelphia Flower has almost doubled the num- of competitions for terrariums een and one lifestyle maga- even suggests making tiny ter- ms out of clear glass orna- left over from Christmas.

n, a terrarium episode of "70s Show" be far behind? was in the '70s, in fact, that Jersey gardener Ann Neff countered gardening under and made her first little biosphere in a bubble.

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time, she created her gar- a glass bowl, with personal that included mosses har- from her 10-acre property, esented it to her step- er as a gift. "It was great ne says.

riums were born in the an age, when plant explo- was at its height.

British physician named iel Ward was conducting ments with caterpillars in the when he discovered, quite tally, that plant life could in a glass jar.

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glass cases captured the fancy. Upscale Victorians growing plants in ever- ate versions, like smaller- dels of the era's elabo- al conservatories.

ard saw his invention as just a fashionable home y. He was a humanitar- also envisioned his in- as a way for the poor to grow green vegetables thing that was often im- in the heavily polluted air areas in 19th-century he was, according to counts, an early advocate ultural therapy.

riums in general are en- a revival now, so are dec- terpretations of the War- e, though they aren't ated that. You can find catalogs under such Victorian terrarium or nservatory.

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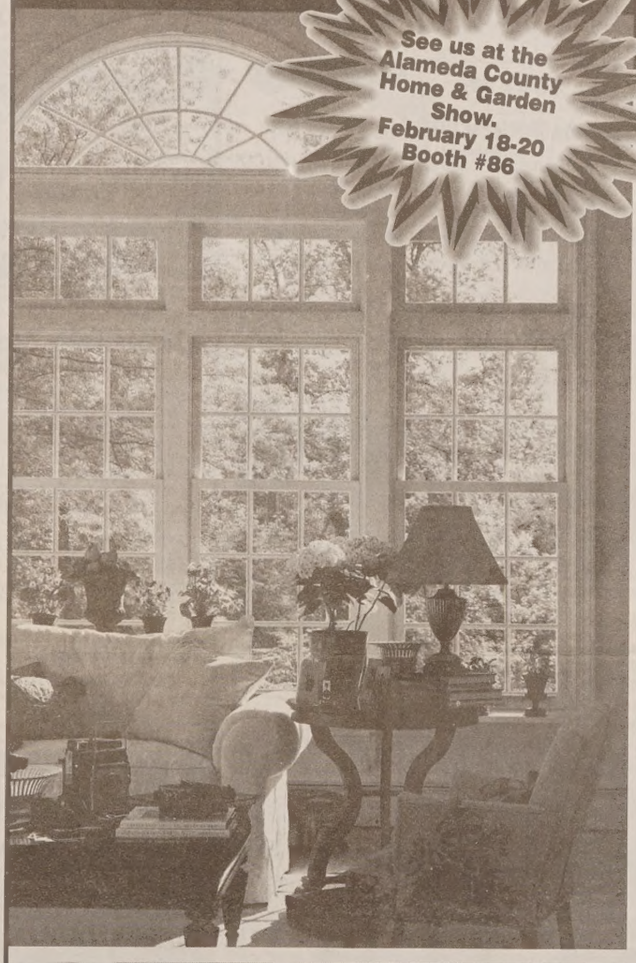
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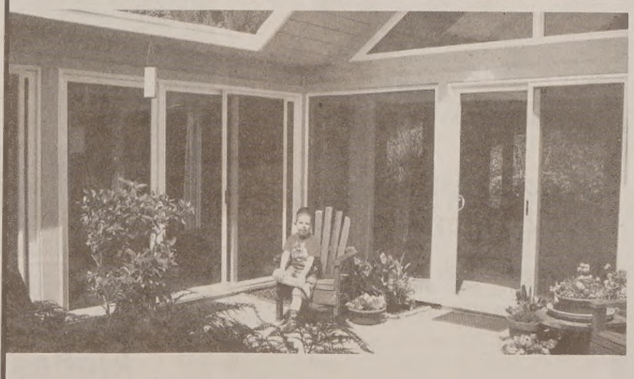
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When it comes to keeping family connected, women take the

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She's the granddame of the family — the family matriarch. Tradition paints her as the dignified, commanding and senior female head of the family. She's the grandmother whose house we travel to for roast turkey and pumpkin pie. She's also the young mom with a camera in hand and a toddler slung on her hip or the baby boomer sister with a flair for fun and a high-speed modem. When it comes to crowning the family matriarch, only one quality is clearly necessary — an undeniable desire to preserve family relationships and keep the family connected.

Why women?

It would be an injustice to men to say that they have no interest in gathering and communicating with their extended family. Nevertheless, there seems to be something to those stereotypically female multi-tasking, emotional qualities that prompt more women than men to be the family relationship caretakers and organizers. On average, studies have shown that women communicate more often with family. Women are also more likely than men to initiate gatherings.

"Generally, it is true that women are more interested in organizing family communications, reunions and gatherings," says Laurence Basirico, Ph.D., professor of sociology and interim dean of International Programs for Elon College in North Carolina. "Despite the growing rate of two-income households, women still feel the emotional responsibility of handling the family stuff. And most women enjoy it and are good at it."

According to a poll conducted by Harris Interactive for Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal benefit society offering financial services, the majority of men and women attend holiday events (93 percent); however, women are more inclined than men to gather with extended family at other times during the year.

"While men and women both agree that relationships with extended family members are important, the survey shows that women have an edge over men when it comes to attending family functions and pursuing communication opportunities," says Sharon Snawerdt of Modern Woodmen, which promotes strong family relationships through member programs as well as its Web site, www.gatherings.info. "For instance, 55 percent of women in our survey attended family gatherings seven to 11 times a year, compared to 40 percent of men."

This difference in the sexes is not something new, according to Basirico.

"In contemporary society, we are socialized into thinking that women should fulfill the role of keeper and organizer of the family relationships," says Basirico, author of "The Family Reunion Survival Guide: How to Avoid Problems with Your Family without Avoiding Your Family," and the most recent planner of his own family reunion. "For many women, the connection between them and their children is different than the connection between the father and the children. This comes from, literally, having given birth to them. Even women who don't feel this connection may feel the pressure to take on this role, even if they are not the best at it."

Women who take the lead and love it

Who's the matriarch? According to Basirico, today's matriarchs appear to be oblivious to age and experience.

"I don't know if, anymore, there are any real characteristics that mark a person as the matriarch," he says. "These days it is more a matter of who is willing to do it. Who has the time, the interest and the resources?"

Mary Connelly Kegelman, of Wilmington, Del., is one of those women who excels at being the caretaker of the family connection and is definitely qualified as the matriarch of the family. Her husband Matthew agrees with her in the importance of hosting family gatherings, but when it comes down to managing the details, Mary takes the lead.

"We are both retired," says the 74-year-old Kegelman who was named the 2004 Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc. "Together we keep the family get-togethers going, but I am the instigator. My husband is invaluable in supporting me."

She laughs, "He is the one that gets to move tables and chairs around."

Their brood of 10 children and 20 grandchildren gather at least once a month at the Kegelman's home to celebrate birthdays and holidays.

"These gatherings are really the mechanism for keeping our family close," says Kegelman. "They are very important to us."

While Amy Anderson of Boerne, Texas, is not the family matriarch, she can see herself assuming a more active role in planning family gatherings and communication activities as the years go by. The parents of 18-month-old Benjamin, Anderson and her husband Nathan delved head first into the family reunion business this past fall. With her husband's sister, they are in charge of the 30th annual reunion of her mother-in-law's family, which typically attracts about 40 family members and will take place in the summer of 2005.

Anderson relies on Web sites such as www.gatherings.info to generate ideas and organize the details.

Rallying the family around the matriarch(s)

Because families are so busy, today's matriarchs must be flexible and strategically utilize the talents found among other members of the family.

Rule 1: Have a plan and delegate, delegate, delegate.

"I couldn't do it alone," says Kegelman. "I do a lot of the cooking, and we usually host the event at our home, but my husband, children and grandchildren all contribute."

It helps to keep the details simple and predictable. Some family matriarchs generate a schedule for rotating the responsibility of who hosts the Christmas dinner or reunion every year. Others create a standard plan for who provides what on the menu for every gathering. Still others designate family members as official photographer or game planner.

"Each person has one thing they do best, whether it is a special dish or game," stresses Kegelman. "We have a format that works well."

Rule 2: Make fun the priority.

Kegelman feels being the matriarch doesn't mean she has to be controlling. "I try not to give orders or advice until asked," she says. "I got a lot of that as a young mother and I remember how I felt. My children and grandchildren make their own choices in life. I need to respect that. That is the key to being respected in return."

Anderson and Kegelman both acknowledge that while organization, timelines and delegation of responsibility is important, they strive to keep it all in the context of fun. For Anderson, planning the next family function is the opportunity to let the creative juices flow.

The Modern Woodmen survey indicated that women are the great communicators in the family. According to the results, women are more inclined to keep on top of family news and use the phone, letters and email more often than men. In fact, women are using technology to their benefit for this purpose.

Eighty-one percent of women see email, the Internet, family bulletin boards or Web sites as ways to stay in touch with extended family members as compared to 67 percent of men. Internet providers' marketing strategies corroborate this finding. Women are their biggest target market group in promoting the communication value of the Internet. Even senior-aged women have mastered the technology to stay in touch with

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A merry matriarch

Whether you're the matriarch-in-training or family member standing by to assist the woman in charge, remember the ultimate goal in mind: to keep the family together.

"The food and events is important," concludes Basirico. "But the best part is having the opportunity to laugh together."

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- Fisher agrees that big patterns can work well in small rooms. However, if you will be using this approach, always paper at least two of the walls. If you only paper one wall, a large pattern can close in on you visually.
- Quality control is terrible among wallpapers, says Fisher. If you buy a roll of wallpaper with a dark background and a non-bleed edge — or white unprinted strip along the side — send it back to the store. If the strip is narrow, Fisher sometimes blends the seam with the background color using a matching eye shadow and a cotton swab.
- When decorating your home, try to carry one "key color" into every room to give your scheme continuity and flow. Make it the primary color in a few rooms, and secondary in the others.

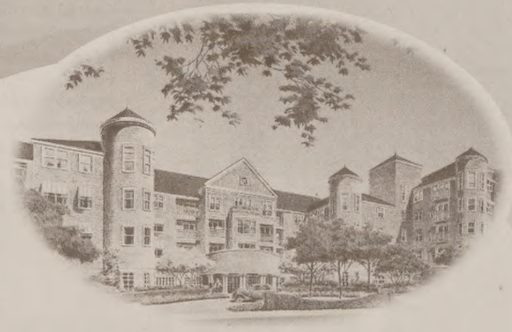


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"Retaining walls are only the beginning of what you can do with some of these products," says Jim Christensen, senior landscape architect with Minnesota-based Villa Landscapes. "Freestanding walls, columns, stairs, seat walls, outdoor cooking areas — all are possible using the better segmental retaining wall systems."

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They're also more environmentally friendly than landscape timbers and other materials that can contain hazardous preservatives, and far less costly than poured-in-place concrete walls. The hottest trend in retaining walls is the weathered appearance, says Christensen. Weathered concrete units undergo a special texturing process to achieve a vintage, historic appearance.

"I like to use Versa-Lok Weathered retaining wall products for a natural look that blends beautifully with existing structures," says Christensen. "I also like Versa-Lok's Mosaic product. Mosaic uses three unit sizes to create random face patterns for a truly stunning appearance and its solid, top-pinning design is easy to build with, so my contractors like it. There are no hollow cores to fill like other systems, and they're easily modified on the job site for installing special landscape design elements."

More than a patio

Back-yard dining is exploding across the country — and that means a lot more than just throwing some burgers on a portable grill. Traditional concrete slab patios are being upgraded to outdoor cooking spaces complete with built-in grills, food preparation areas and other amenities.

"These extensions of your kitchen can be created using retaining wall systems like Versa-Lok, which are capable of building columns to 4 feet tall, freestanding walls to 3 feet, inside and outside curves, stairs and corners of just about any angle," says Christensen. "A fire pit and grate installed in the center of a paving-stone patio, surrounded by short freestanding walls for seating, makes a cozy back-yard gathering place. The benches, built with segmental retaining wall units, will complement the paving-stone patio and last a lifetime with virtually no maintenance."

Wise investment

Not only are landscape improvements a way to get more enjoyment out of your yard, they're also a wise financial investment in your home. "When people ask me how they can get strong interest in their property, I always tell them to fix up their landscaping," Walt McDonald, president of the National Association of Realtors, told Smart Money magazine.

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Decorative concrete treatments lets creativity surface

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Concrete — it's practical, sturdy and has been used in the construction of buildings since the early Roman times. However, let's face it — few of us would argue that most concrete patios, driveways, walkways and garage floors are attractive.

In fact, more than likely, they're bland, dull, even boring. But, as many homeowners and do-it-yourselfers are discovering, through the use of decorative finishing concrete treatments, those gray, cold outdoor areas can take on a unique, stylish look that reflects homeowners' particular tastes.

Why decorative concrete treatments?

Decorative concrete treatments, such as staining and stenciling, have risen in popularity during the past few years, although the idea of decorative concrete is not new. Concrete stamping tools have been around since the early 1950s and concrete coloring has been in existence even longer.

However, the selection of finishes, colors and textures have grown, offering homeowners more options when choosing to add a little oomph to their outdoor décor.

According to Pete Donati, product manager for H&C Stain, a leading manufacturer of concrete care products, the desire for concrete décor among homeowners is an extension of their interior design-sense. Consumers want the ability to express their own style, not just inside their homes, but on the exterior, as well.

"Concrete décor is emerging as a newly discovered form of easy-to-create landscape design that allows homeowners to 'dress-up' something as mundane as a bare concrete driveway."

Donati goes on to say that in addition to adding beauty to a home's exterior, decorative concrete allows homeowners to create vibrant colors and intricate designs at half the cost of installing real stone or other natural materials. "Rather than spending thousands of dollars on replacing concrete walkways, patios or driveways, at a cost of approximately $6 a square foot, the same beautiful effect can easily be accomplished by using decorative techniques on existing concrete."

Do-it-yourself friendly decorative concrete treatments

The majority of decorative techniques involve changing either the color or pattern of a concrete surface, or both. The most common treatments make concrete appear more like expensive material such as tile, cobblestone, brick and keystone. These illusions can be accomplished through a number of applications. The following are two of the easiest and most popular Do-it-yourself treatments:

Staining:

If you're looking to add some pizzazz to your dreary driveway, patio or garage floor, or cover up some unsightly oil stains, staining will serve to change the color or look of your concrete, as well as add lasting protection against the outdoor elements. In several simple steps, you can transform an outdoor concrete surface into a colorful creation. In most cases, you'll begin by cleaning the area with a concrete de-greaser to help alleviate oil and grease spots.

After rinsing off the de-greaser, you should apply an etch cleaner. This step should make the surface feel like 120 grit sandpaper and allow the stain to easily soak into the concrete. After waiting for 24 hours, you can apply the first coat of stain with a brush or roller. A second coat can usually be added after the first coat of stain dries for at least another 12 hours.

Today, concrete stains span the color spectrum. They're offered in colors ranging from traditional browns and grays to racy reds, greens and even hues of purple.

Stenciling:

If you want to take staining one step further, stenciling is the simplest way to place brick or stone patterns on a concrete surface. Stencil templates can be purchased in rolls of water-resistant plastic. The "stone" pattern is created by rolling the template out on the concrete and applying a spray base color through the stencil, much like the staining procedure.

Stencils come in a variety of patterns, including cobblestone, herringbone, hexagon tile and natural stone. Cost varies by pattern, but Donati adds that in addition to the staining costs, most stencil systems cost between approximately twenty to twenty five cents per square foot.

Helpful decorative concrete treatment tips

Although decorative concrete projects are very DIY friendly, if you're thinking about incorporating color or patterns into an upcoming concrete project, there are some tips that will help you successfully accomplish your goal.

First, know that no colored slab will perfectly match any color chart. Expect some slight variations in coloring, even when working with newly poured concrete. If you are working with new concrete, be sure to let it cure for 30-45 days before attempting to stencil or stain the surface.

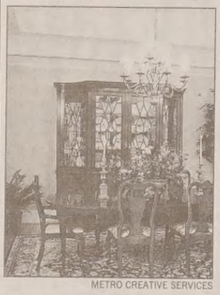
Once completed, your new concrete creation will require some maintenance to keep it looking its very best. Continued weathering can make concrete colors appear faded, so make sure you re-seal your colored or stenciled concrete every two to five years after the initial application. Following these tips will help to ensure you can enjoy your concrete artwork for years to come.

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"Many people do not realize that bringing in contractors for several weeks or even months can affect the neighborhood," said 2004 Remodelors Council Chairman Doug Sutton CGR, CAPS of Sutton Siding & Remodeling, a remodeler in Springfield, Ill. "While most remodelers hand out fliers to immediate neighbors explaining their plans, we encourage homeowners to contact their neighbors personally to answer any questions about the project's impact and duration, and distribute the remodeler's contact information in case there are questions or problems."

To help keep the peace in the neighborhood, the NAHB Remodelors Council advises that homeowners:

■ Let neighbors know well in advance about your remodeling plans and keep them apprised of progress, detail by detail. Tell them when work will begin, the approximate completion date, what work will be done and whether workers might have to come onto their property. If delays arise, promptly contact your neighbors to inform them of the revised schedule.

■ Make sure noisy power tools are only used during standard business hours. Reasonable hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

■ Inform your neighbors of any large trucks entering the neighborhood and ask subcontractors to park on one side of the street only. Try your best to have materials dropped off in your driveway or yard rather than the street, and keep your yard as tidy as possible. Watch for debris that might find its way onto your neighbors' yards, especially if a roofing project is involved.

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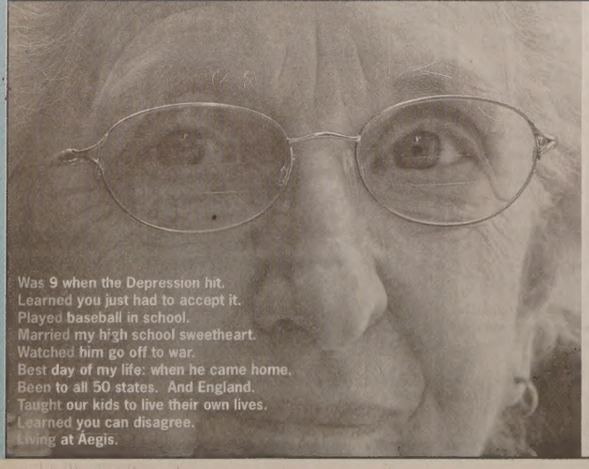
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